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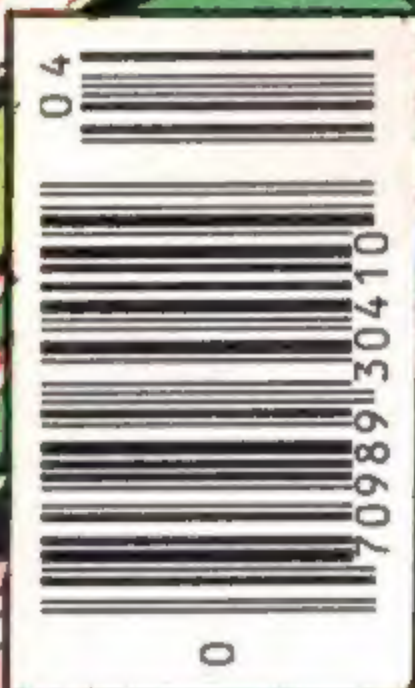
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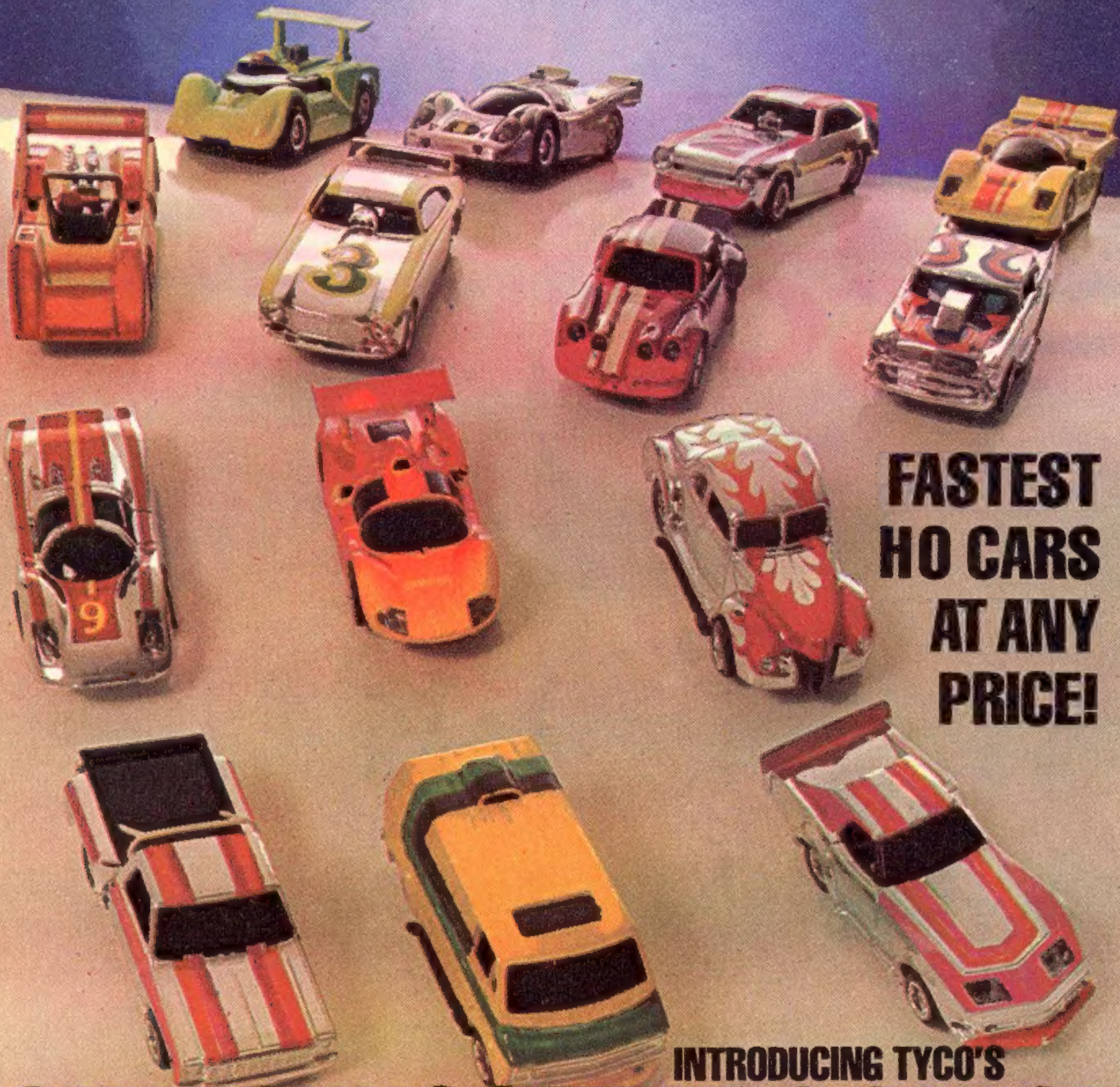
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QUICK...
SUPERMAN...
STOP AMAZO
BEFORE HIS
SHOCK-WAVES
CRUSH US!

I CAN'T,
LOIS! I'VE LOST
CONTROL OF THE
SUPERMOBILE!
BUT OUTSIDE
OF IT, I'M
POWERLESS...

...AND
AMAZO
KNOWS
IT!





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SUPERMAN

Created by
JERRY SIEGEL &
JOE SHUSTER

YOU ONLY
HAVE A COUPLE
MORE HOURS TO
DECIDE,
SUPERMAN!

EITHER YOU UNCOVER PROF. IVO
AND TURN HIM OVER TO ME-- OR I
WILL BE FORCED TO TURN ONE OF
YOUR CLOSEST FRIENDS OVER TO
YOU--

SOME CHOICE! NO
MATTER WHAT I DECIDE,
I'LL BE DOING THE
UNTHINKABLE--

--SACRIFICING
A HUMAN
LIFE!

==DEAD!

THE MENACING FACE EERILY PROJECTED OVER METROPOLIS BELONGS TO AMAZO-- THE GIGANTIC HULKING ANDROID INFUSED WITH ALL THE POWERS OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

THE STRANGE MANNED VEHICLE PATROLLING THE SKIES OVER THE CITY BELONGS TO SUPERMAN!

AND WHEN AMAZO
STRIKES, THE MAN
OF STEEL CAN ONLY
CRY OUT--

THIS IS A JOB
FOR

SUPERMOBILE!

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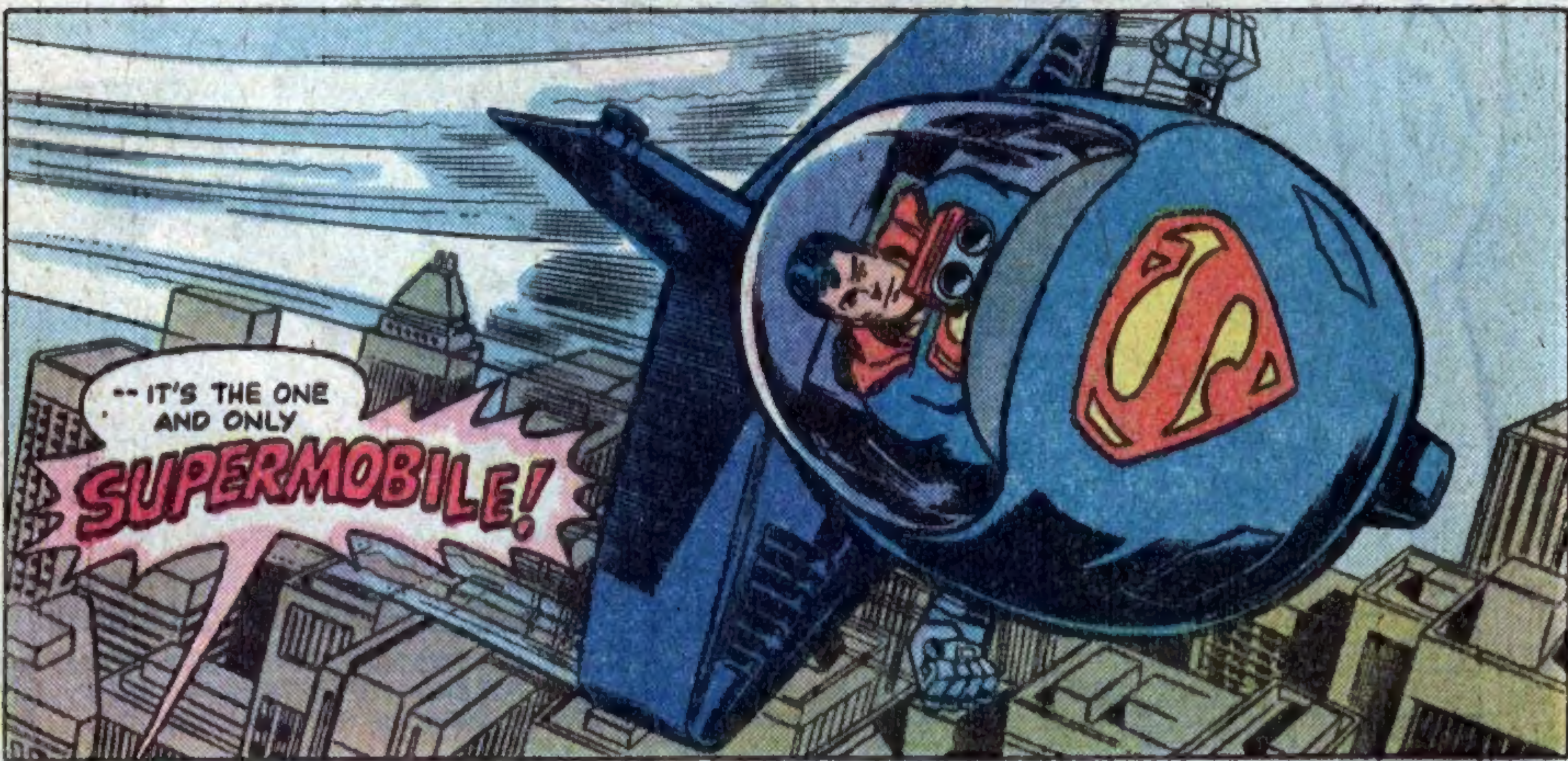
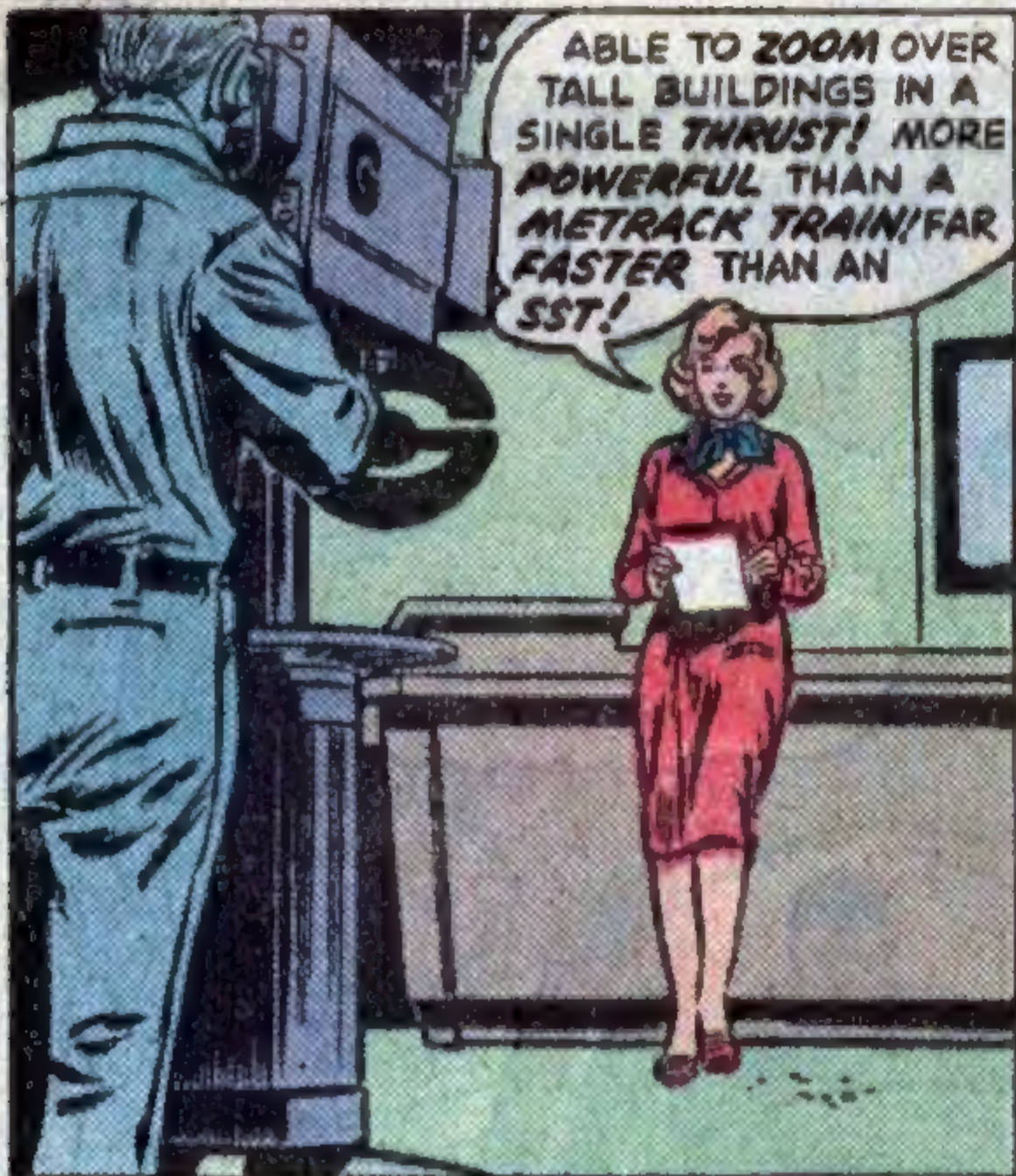
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THIS BEARS
CLOSER
INVESTIGATION...
MUCH CLOSER!



A TOUCH OF THE
SUPER-VISION
SELECTOR DIAL--AND
I'LL **TELESCOPICALLY**
ZERO IN ON MY
DOUBTS!

**JUST AS I
SUSPECTED!**



THOSE GUARDS **LOOK** LIKE
THEY'RE STANDING AT RIGID
ATTENTION-- BUT ACTUALLY,
THEY'RE BOTH IN A **TRANCE**--

--SO **DEEP**
THEY'RE
NOT EVEN
BLINKING!



I SUSPECTED SOMETHING
WAS **WRONG** WHEN MY **SUPER-
HEARING ANTENNAE** DETECTED
TWO HUMAN **HEARTBEATS**
BELOW THAT WERE MUCH
SLOWER THAN NORMAL!

THEIR BODY **METABOLISMS**
HAVE PRACTICALLY BEEN
BROUGHT TO A **STAND STILL!**

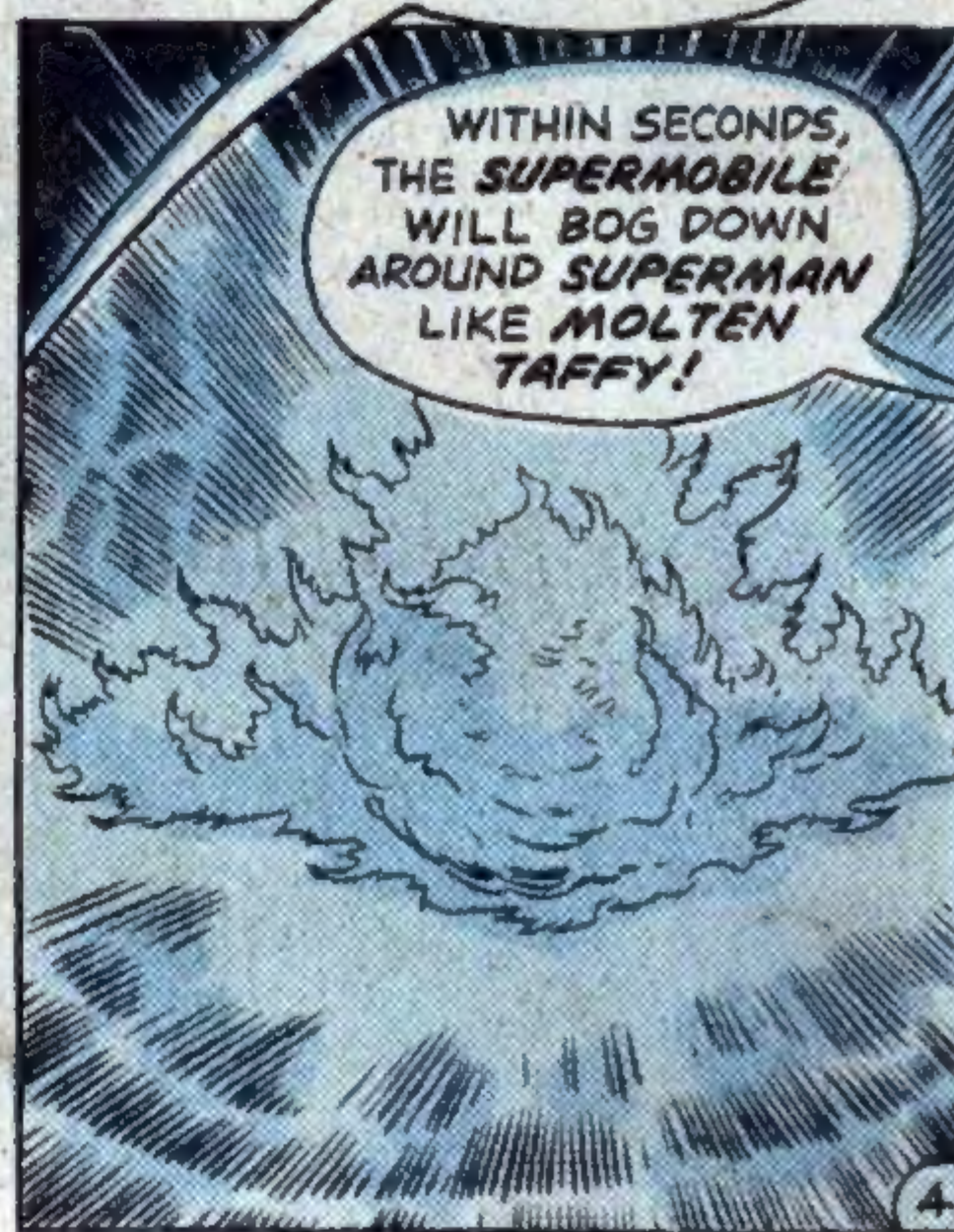
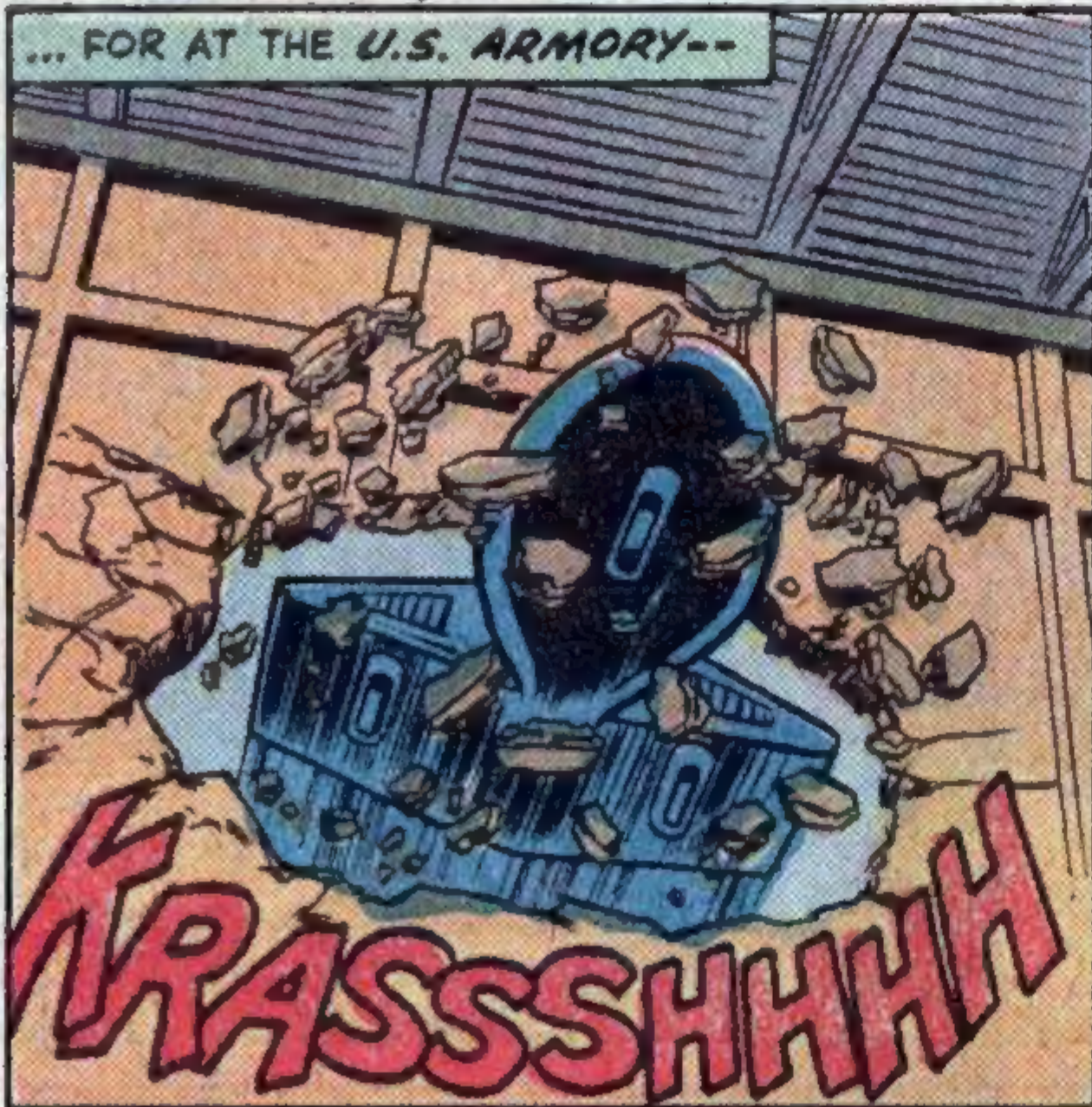


I DON'T NEED TO DIAL
X-RAY VISION TO KNOW
THERE MUST BE **TROUBLE**
INSIDE THE **ARMORY!**



CRIMINALS
OF **METROPOLIS**
HAVE MADE THE
MISTAKE OF THINKING
A **SUPERMAN**
QUARANTINED INSIDE
A **SUPERMOBILE**
IS NO LONGER A
THREAT!

THEY ARE
WRONG!





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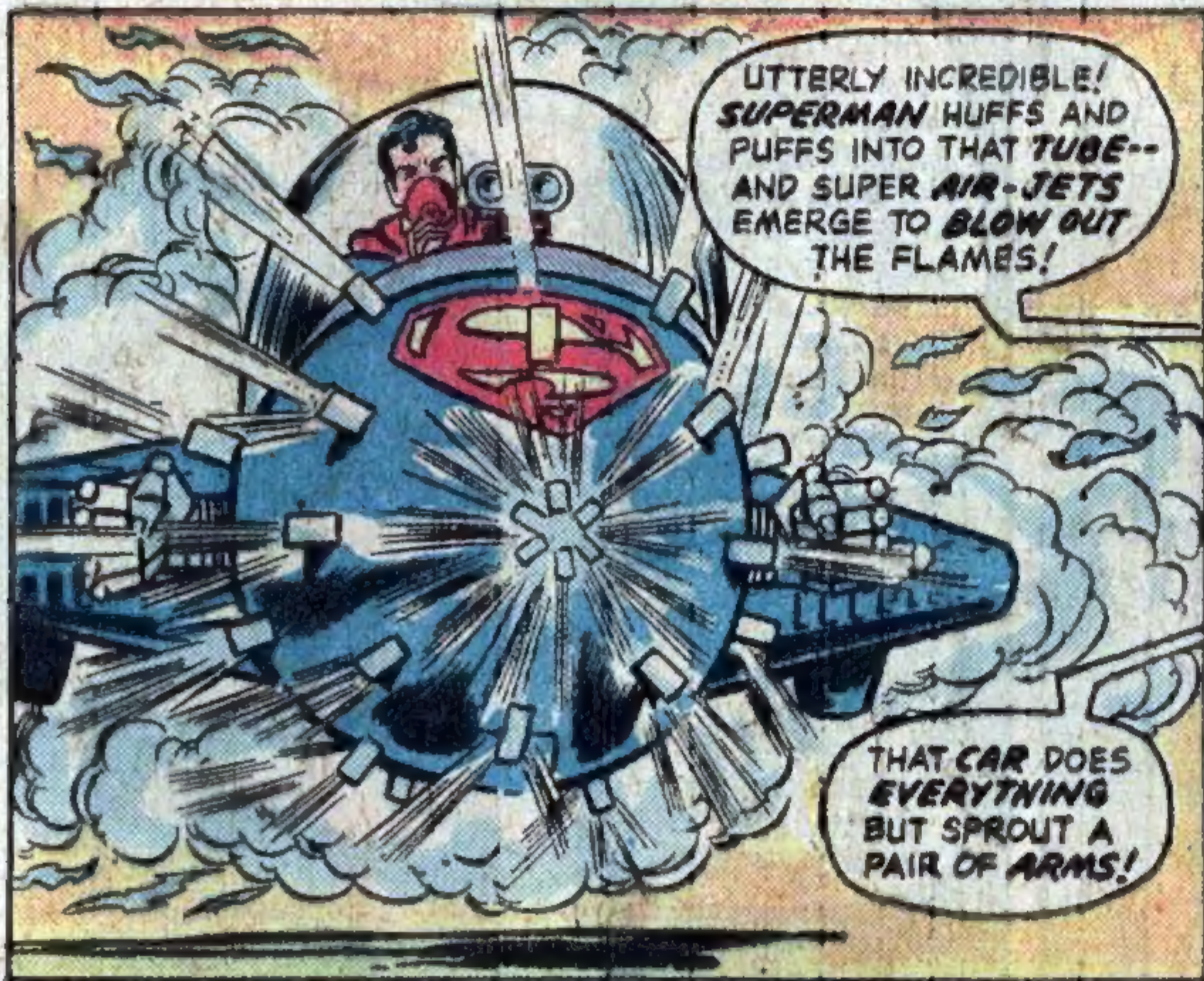
A Coleman Division

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a werewolf in a dark, wooded setting at night. The werewolf, with green fur and sharp teeth, is the central figure, holding a small red object. A full moon with a face is in the sky, and a skull is visible in the bottom left corner. The scene is framed by dark, leafy branches.



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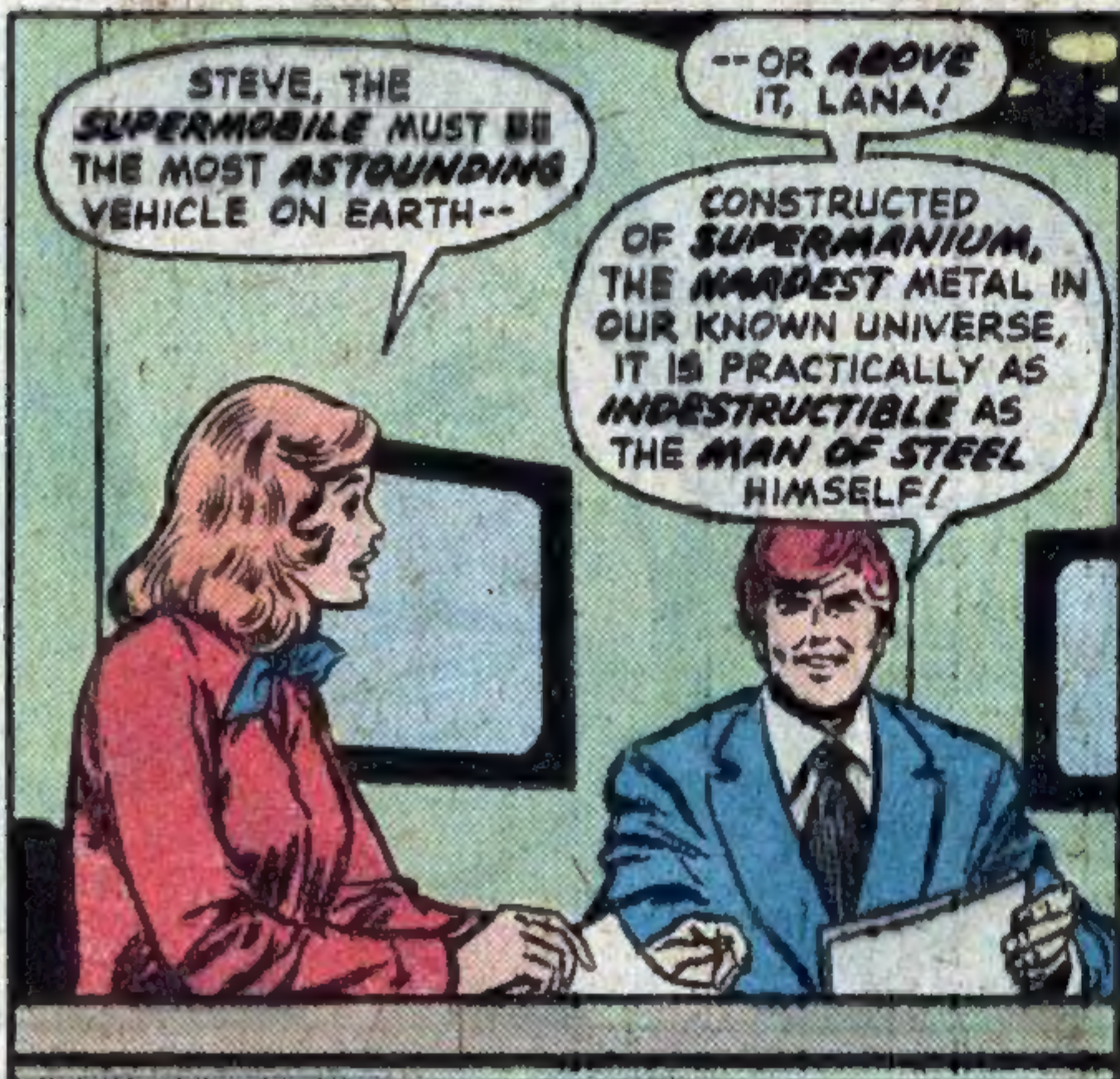
UTTERLY INCREDIBLE!
SUPERMAN HUFFS AND
PUFFS INTO THAT TUBE--
AND SUPER AIR-JETS
EMERGE TO BLOW OUT
THE FLAMES!

THAT CAR DOES
EVERYTHING
BUT SPROUT A
PAIR OF ARMS!



GASP!--
NOW IT DOES
GROW ARMS!

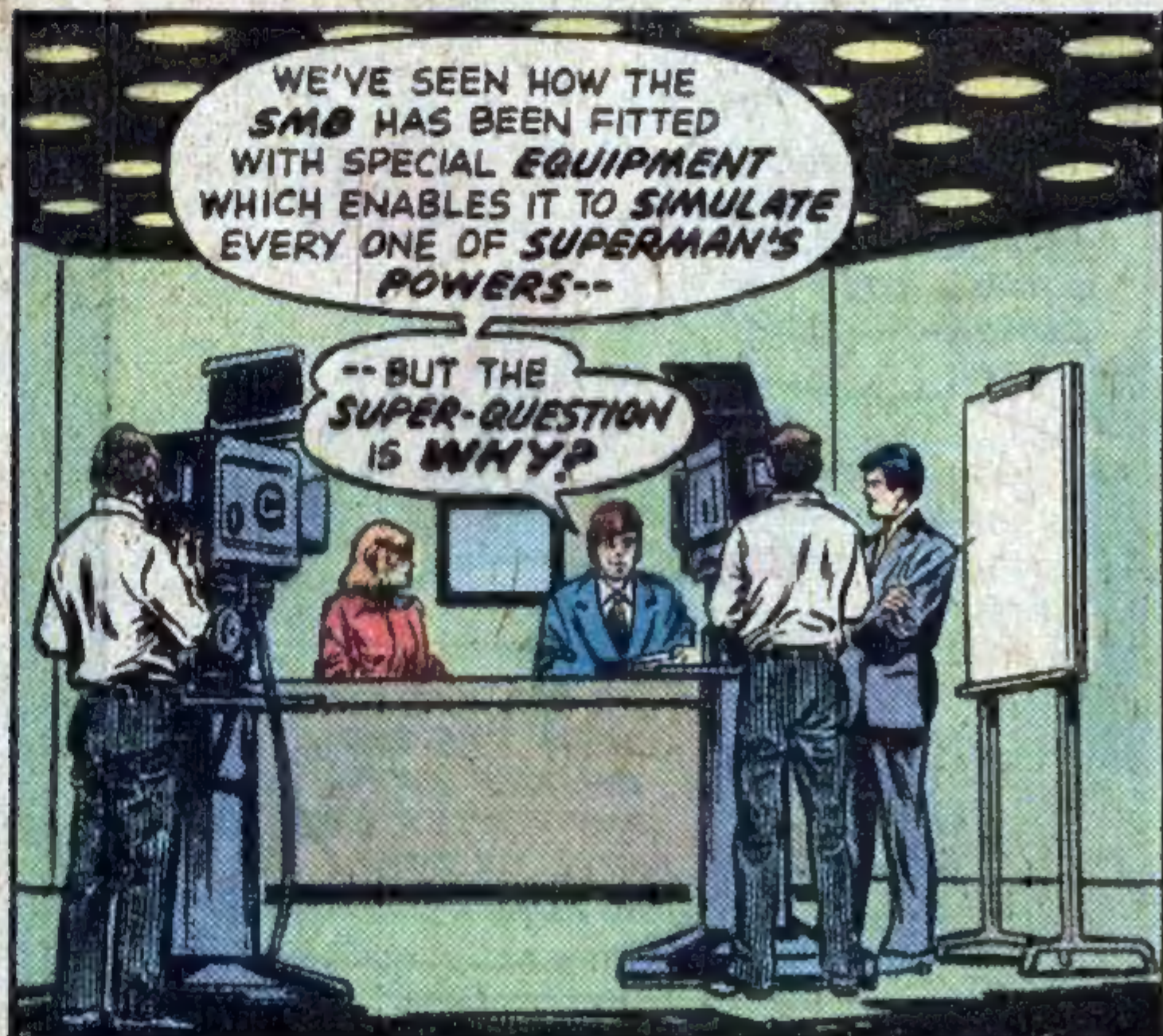
IS THERE
NO LIMIT TO
SUPERMAN'S
INGENUITY?



STEVE, THE
SUPERMOBILE MUST BE
THE MOST ASTOUNDING
VEHICLE ON EARTH--

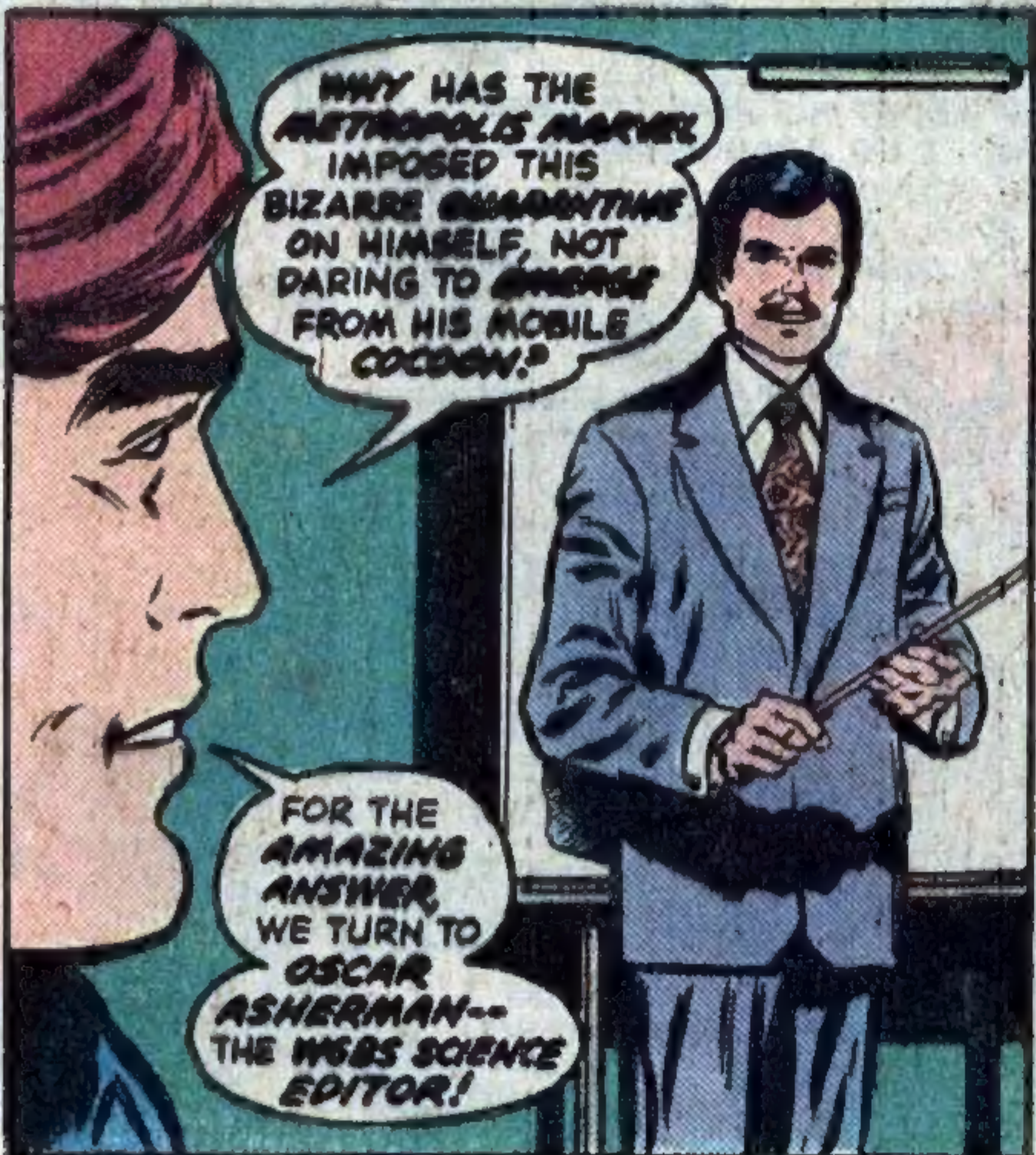
--OR ABOVE
IT, LANA!

CONSTRUCTED
OF SUPERMANIUM,
THE HARDEST METAL IN
OUR KNOWN UNIVERSE,
IT IS PRACTICALLY AS
INDESTRUCTIBLE AS
THE MAN OF STEEL
HIMSELF!



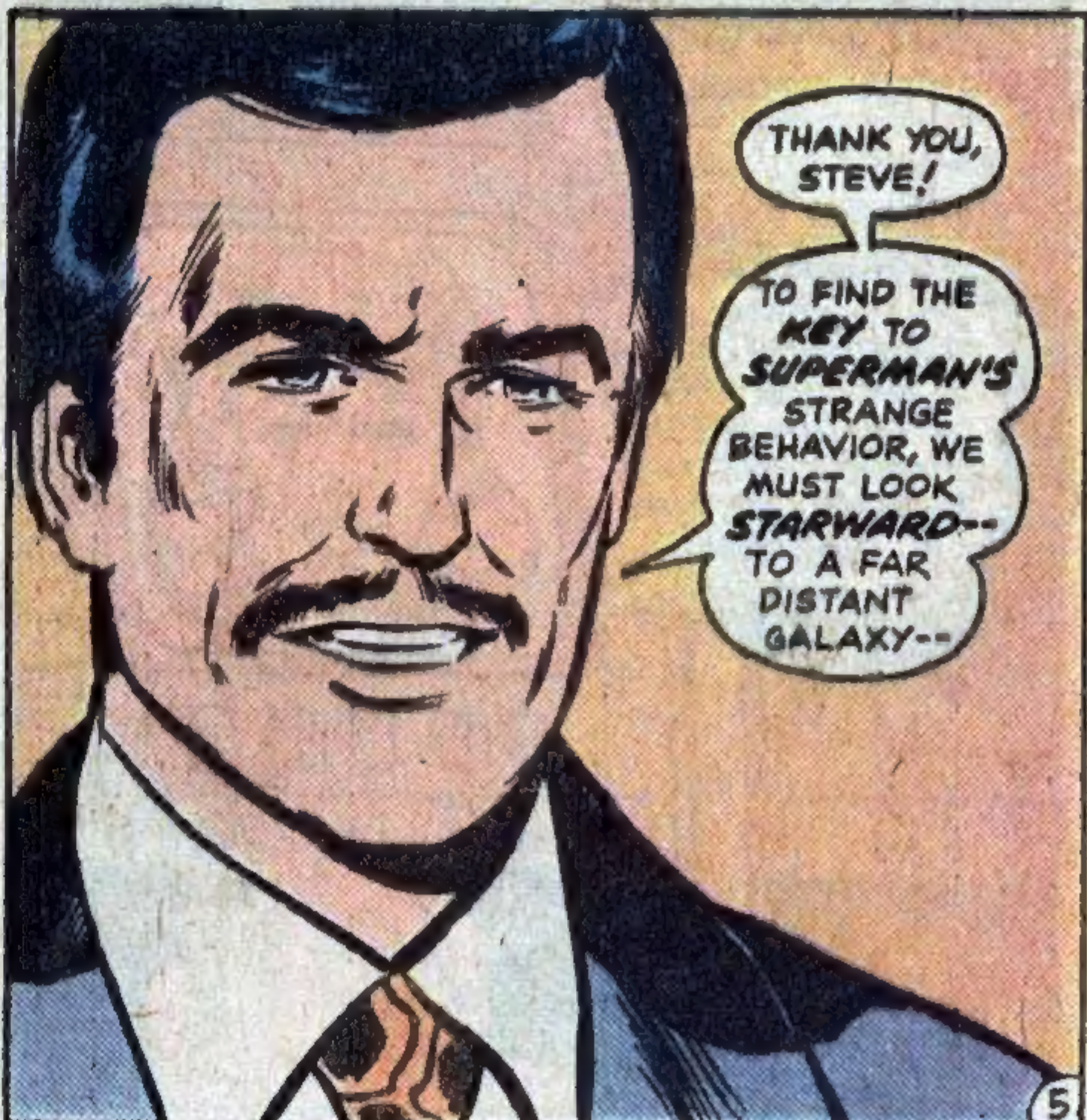
WE'VE SEEN HOW THE
SMB HAS BEEN FITTED
WITH SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
WHICH ENABLES IT TO SIMULATE
EVERY ONE OF SUPERMAN'S
POWERS--

--BUT THE
SUPER-QUESTION
IS WHY?



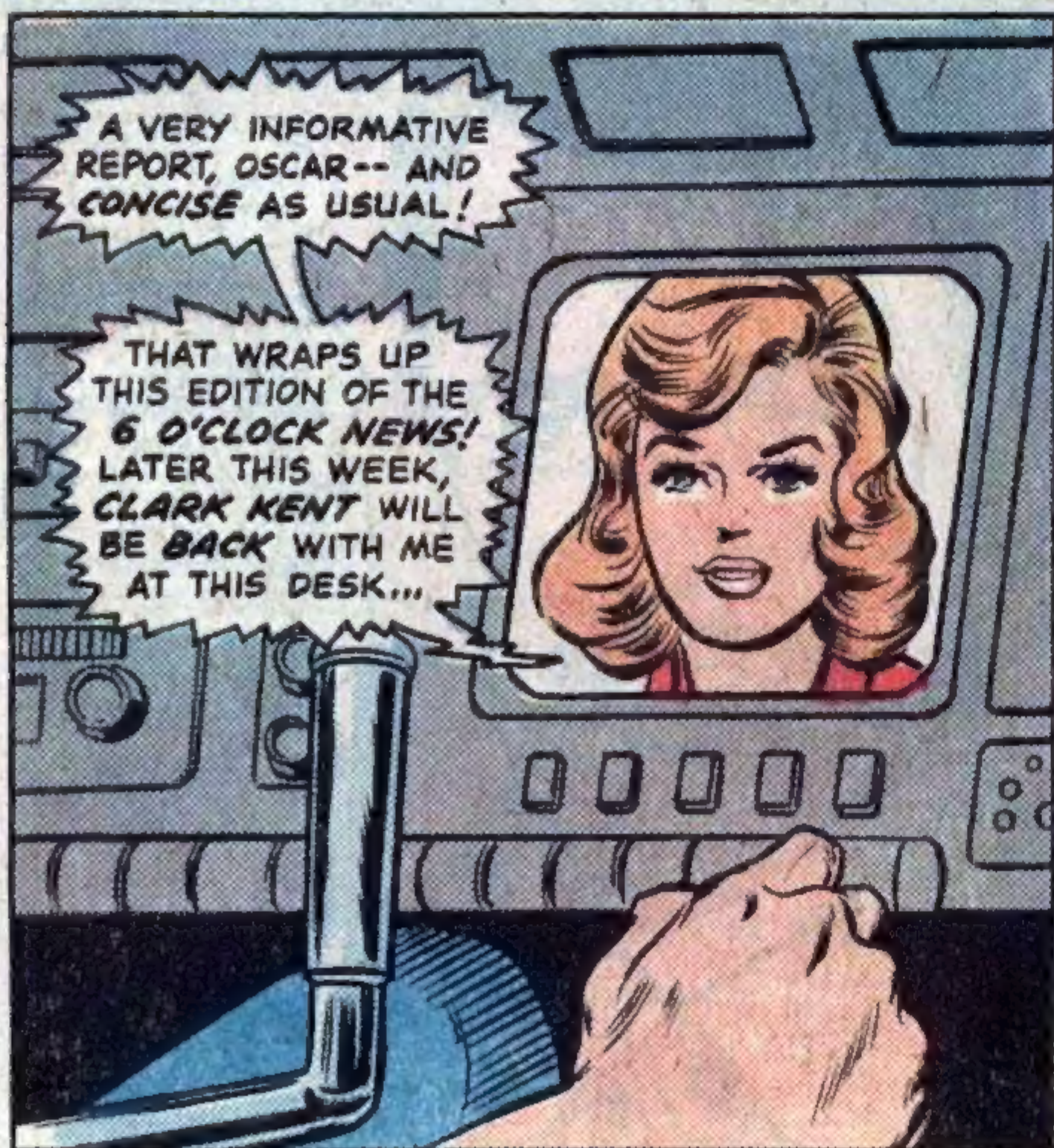
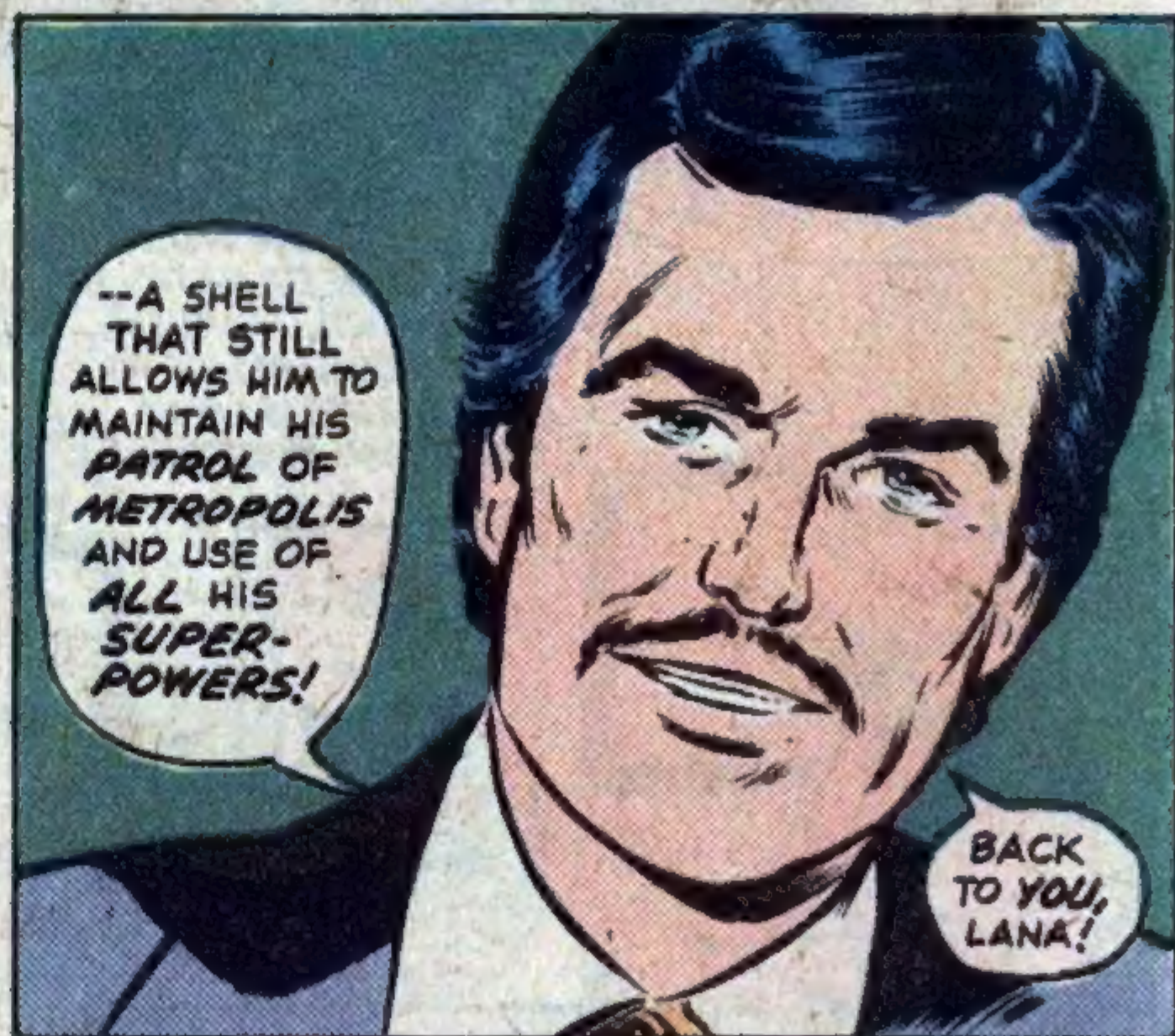
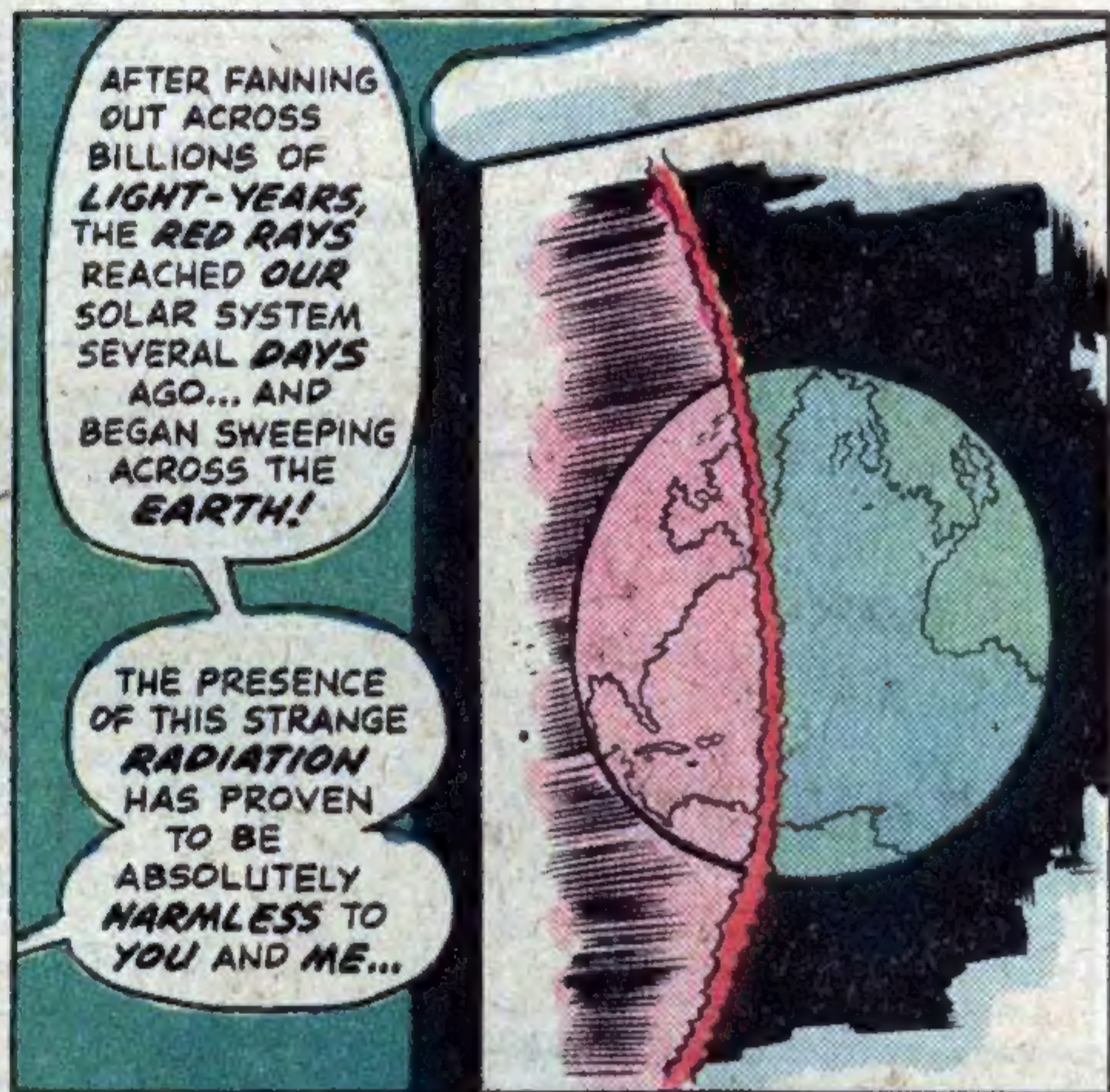
WHY HAS THE
METROPOLIS MARKET
IMPOSED THIS
BIZARRE SUGGESTION
ON HIMSELF, NOT
DARING TO EMERGE
FROM HIS MOBILE
COCCON?

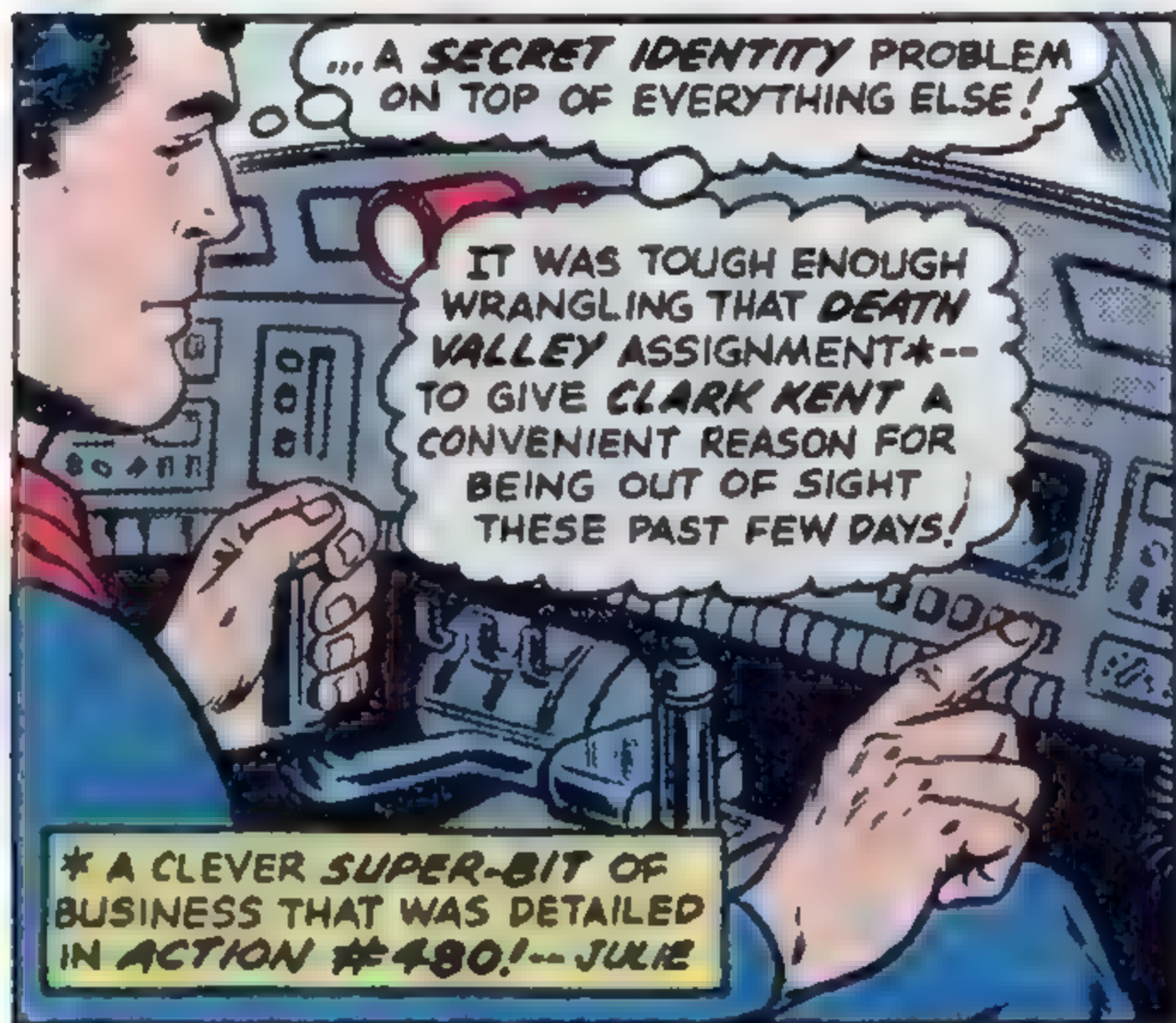
FOR THE
AMAZING
ANSWER,
WE TURN TO
OSCAR
ASHERMAN--
THE WWSB SCIENCE
EDITOR!



THANK YOU,
STEVE!

TO FIND THE
KEY TO
SUPERMAN'S
STRANGE
BEHAVIOR, WE
MUST LOOK
STARWARD--
TO A FAR
DISTANT
GALAXY--

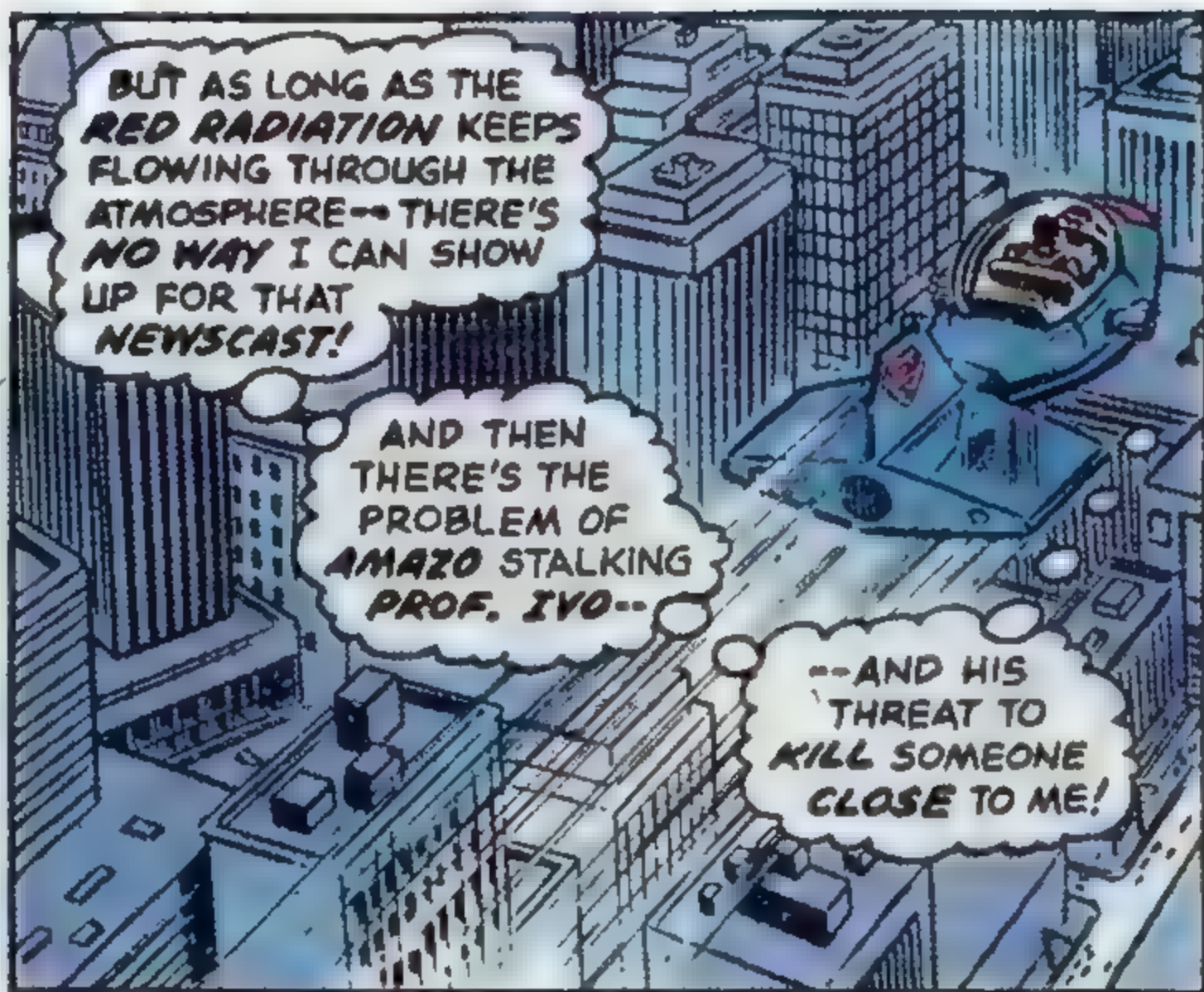




...A **SECRET IDENTITY** PROBLEM ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE!

IT WAS TOUGH ENOUGH WRANGLING THAT **DEATH VALLEY** ASSIGNMENT*-- TO GIVE **CLARK KENT** A CONVENIENT REASON FOR BEING OUT OF SIGHT THESE PAST FEW DAYS!

* A **CLEVER SUPER-BIT** OF BUSINESS THAT WAS DETAILED IN **ACTION #480!**-- JULIE



BUT AS LONG AS THE **RED RADIATION** KEEPS FLOWING THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE-- THERE'S **NO WAY** I CAN SHOW UP FOR THAT **NEWSCAST!**

AND THEN THERE'S THE PROBLEM OF **AMAZO** STALKING **PROF. IVO**--

--AND HIS **THREAT** TO **KILL** SOMEONE CLOSE TO ME!

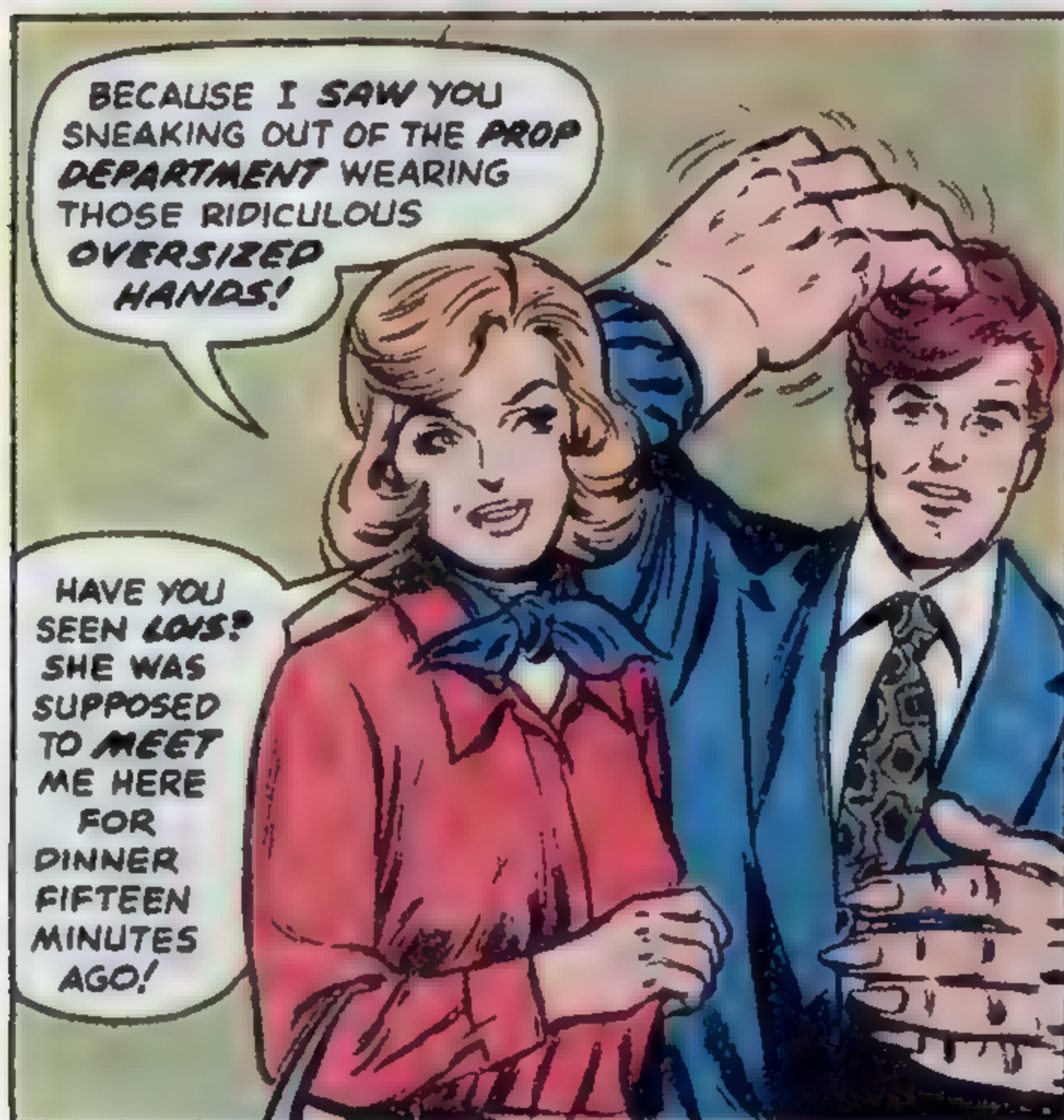


SOMEONE CLOSE LIKE **LANA LANG**, **CLARK KENT**'S CO-ANCHORPERSON?...



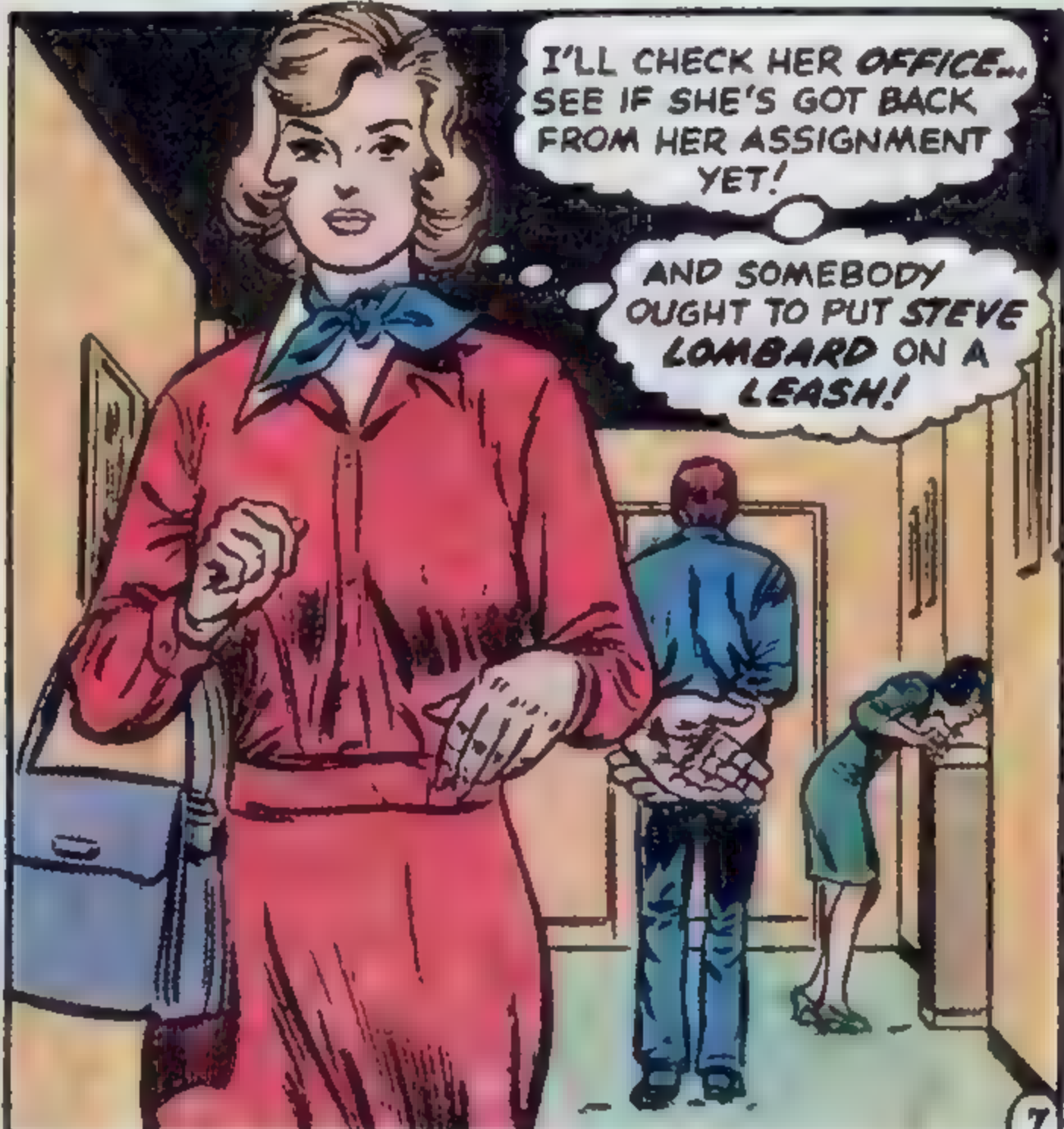
OH, CUT IT OUT, **STEVE!** I'M NOT IN THE **MOOD!**

AWW-- HOW'D YOU **KNOW** I WAS CREEPING UP BEHIND YOU, **LANA?**



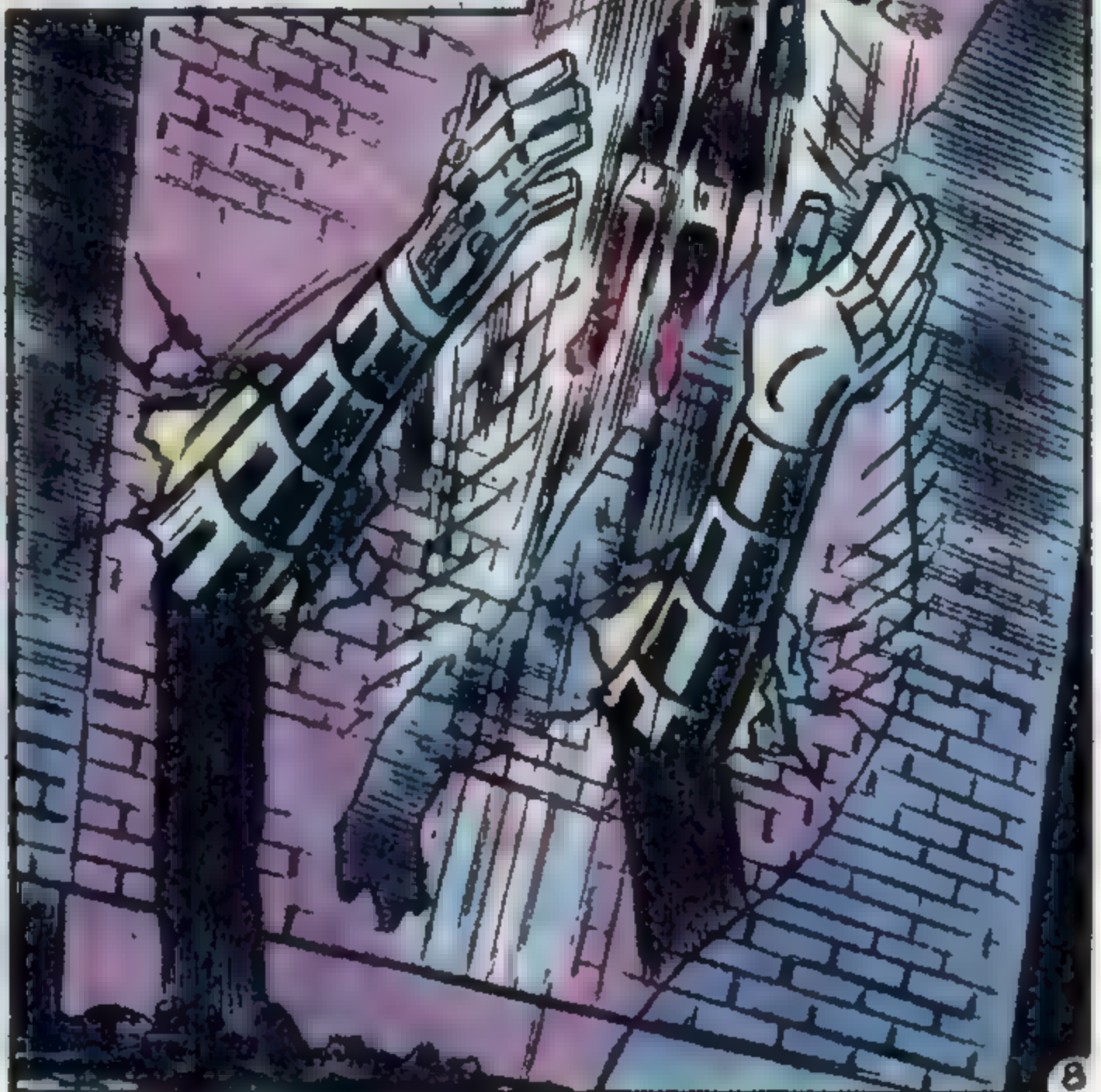
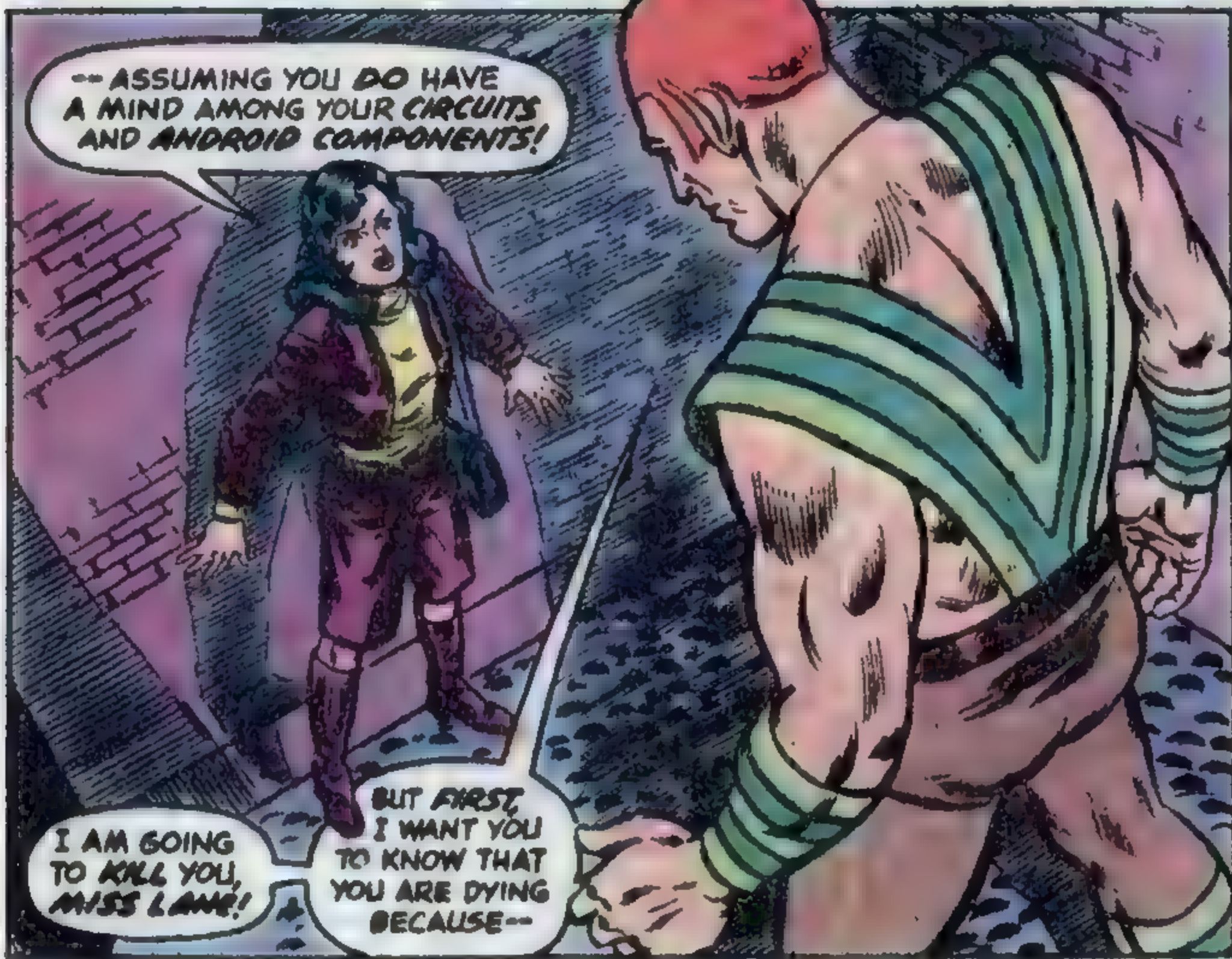
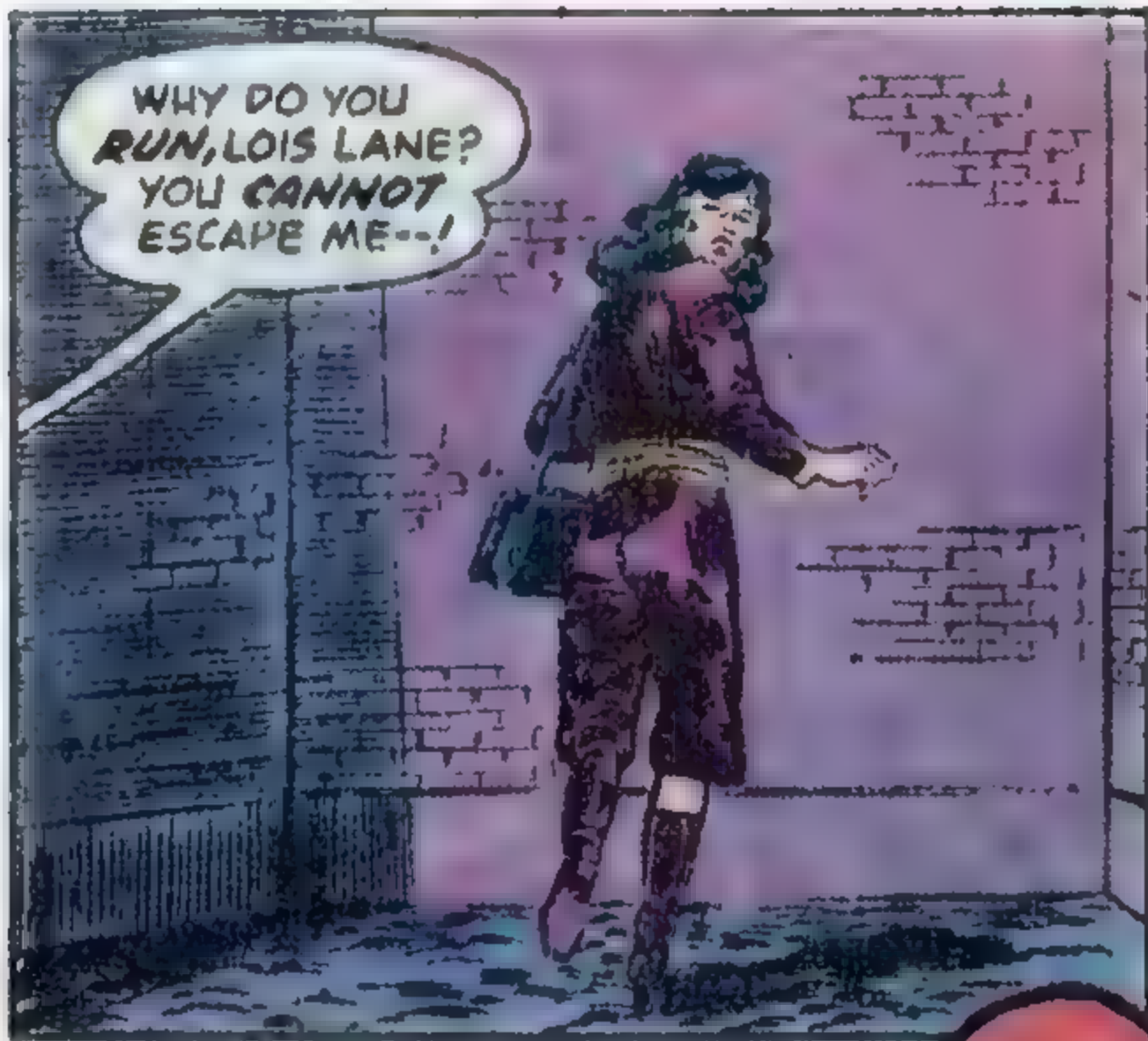
BECAUSE I **SAW** YOU SNEAKING OUT OF THE **PROP DEPARTMENT** WEARING THOSE RIDICULOUS **OVERSIZED HANDS!**

HAVE YOU SEEN **LOIS?** SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO **MEET** ME HERE FOR **DINNER** FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO!



I'LL CHECK HER **OFFICE**... SEE IF SHE'S GOT BACK FROM HER ASSIGNMENT YET!

AND SOMEBODY OUGHT TO PUT **STEVE LOMBARD** ON A **LEASH!**



Wonder Woman

DILEMMA

NOTHING LIKE
RACING A
SPEEDING TRAIN
FOR A LITTLE
EXERCISE.

GREAT APHRODITE!!!
A ROCKSLIDE... HOW DO
I SAVE THE TRAIN AND
THE CHILDREN, TOO???

GOLLY,
IT'S
WONDER
WOMAN.

HI,
WONDER
WOMAN.

HI, KIDS. COME
ON OVER HERE
FOR SOME **HOSTESS®**
TWINKIES®
SNACK CAKES!

THAT'LL
GET THEM
OUT OF
DANGER
WHILE I
STOP THE
TRAIN.

GOLLY,
DO I LIKE
TWINKIES
SNACK CAKES.
I LOVE THE
LUSCIOUS
CREAMED
FILLING.

I LIKE THE MOST
SPONGE CAKE.

MMMM GOOD.

DON'T TALK
WITH YOUR
MOUTH FULL.

THANKS FOR SAVING
US, WONDER
WOMAN.

AND FOR THE
GREAT TASTING
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YOU GET A BIG DELIGHT
IN EVERY BITE
OF
HOSTESS® TWINKIES®
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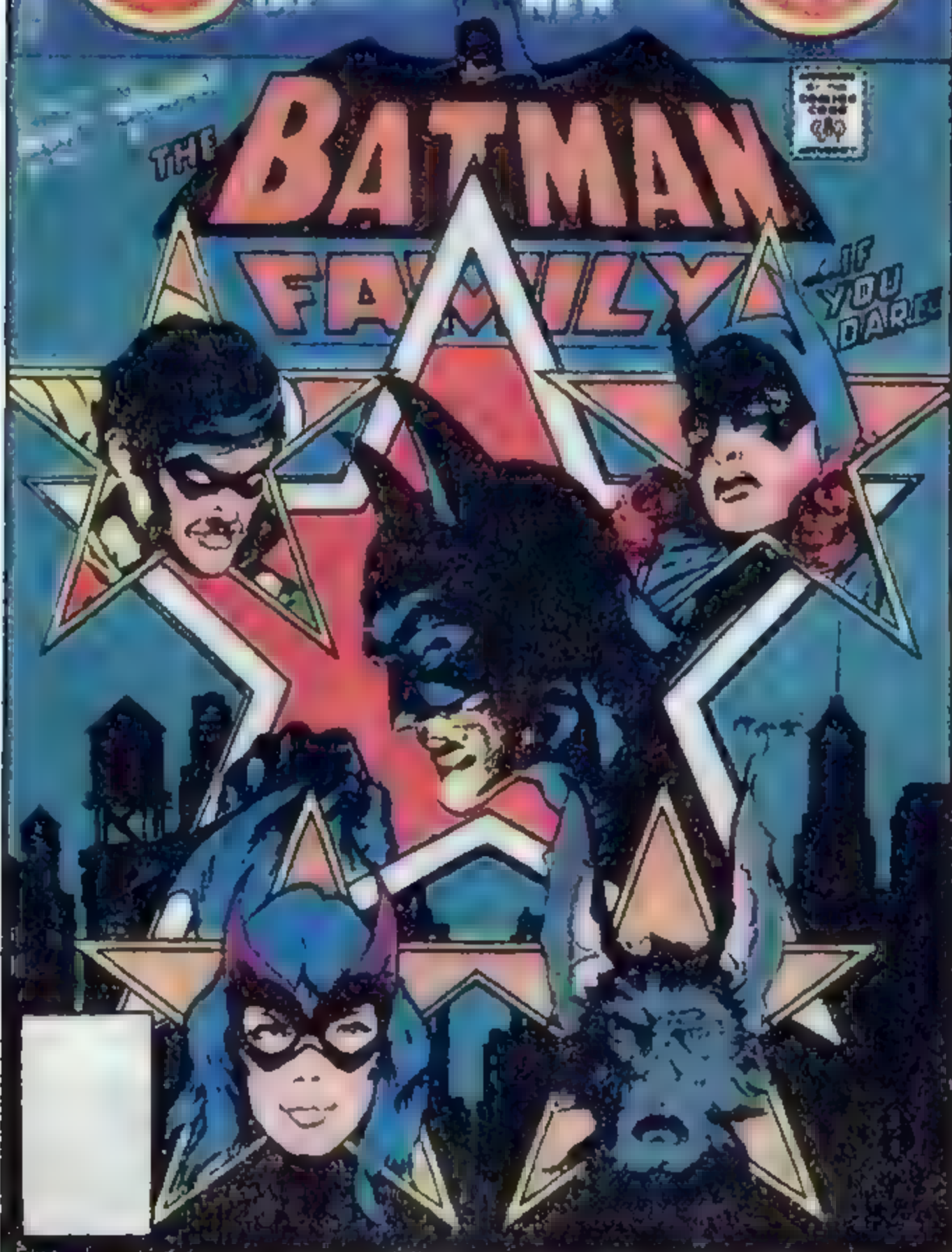
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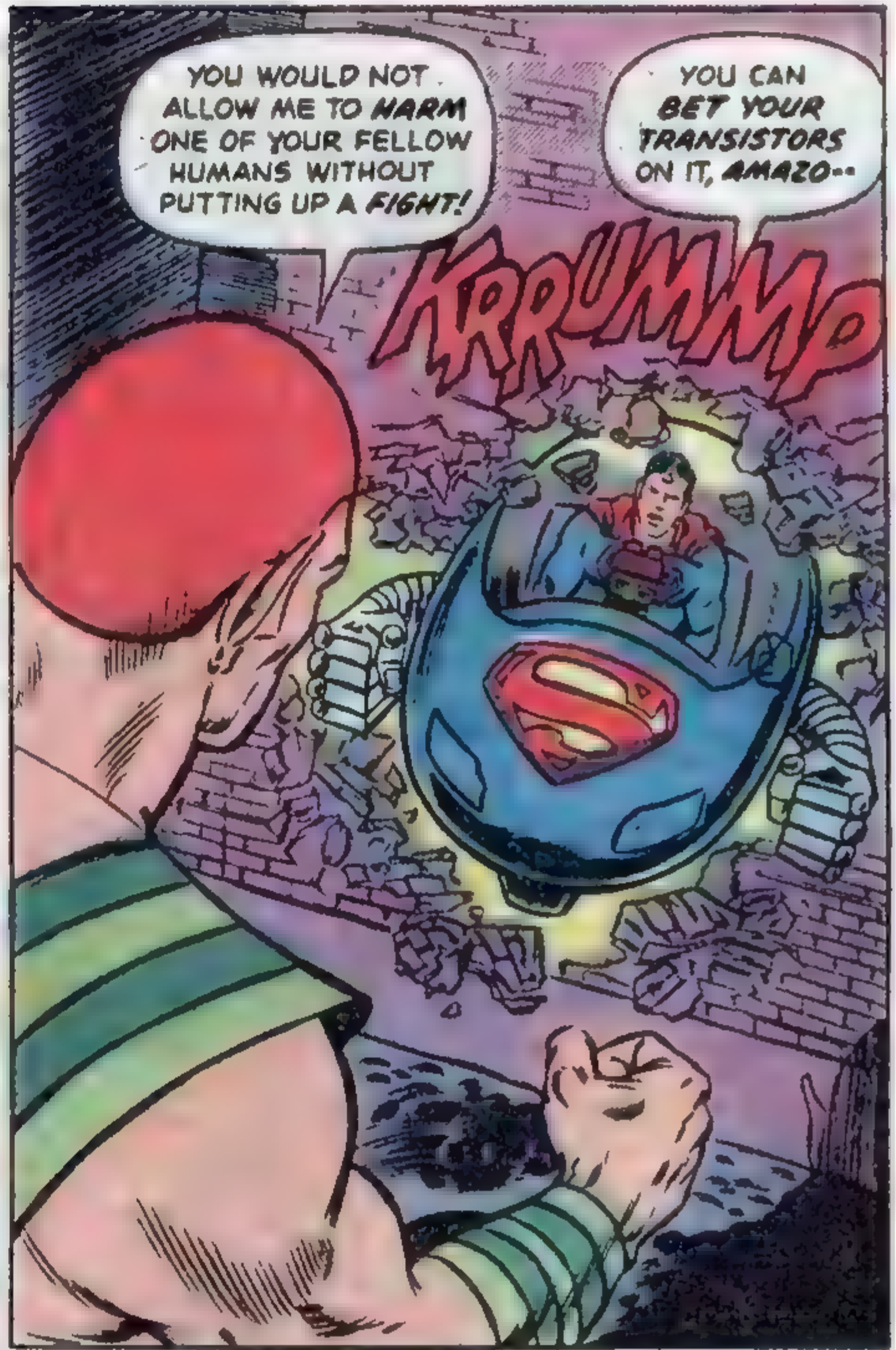
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ANOTHER

**BEWARE THE CREEPER
THRILLER!**

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HELLPPP!



GLAD YOU COULD ~~DROP~~ IN FOR A WHILE, LOIS!

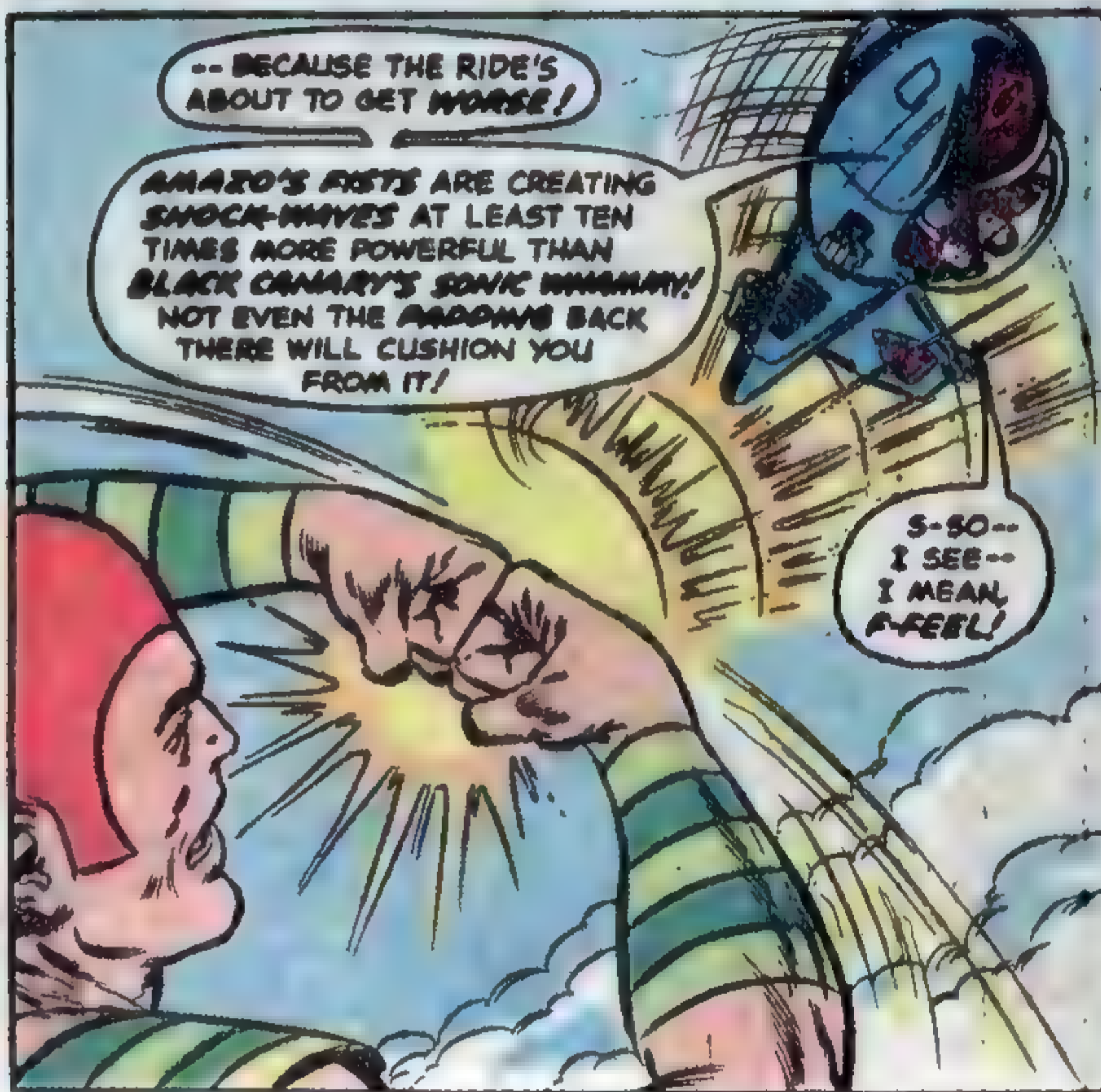
OOOOOFF!



YOU'RE GLAD?! YOU THINK I ENJOY SKY-DIVING WITHOUT A CHUTE?

UHHH! WH-WHY AM I STARTING TO FEEL LIKE AN INGREDIENT IN A TOSSED SALAD?

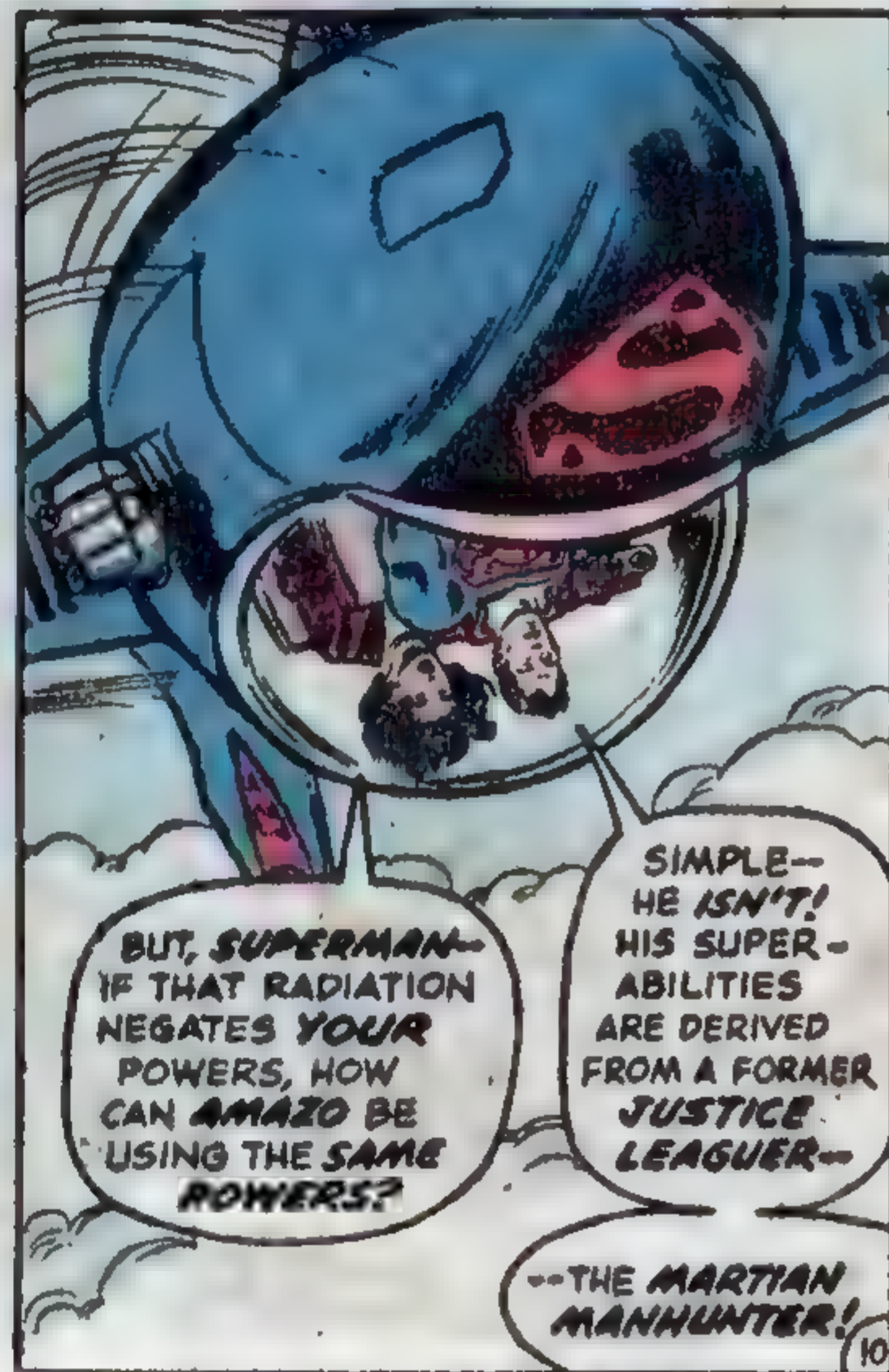
STRAP YOURSELF IN, LOIS--



-- BECAUSE THE RIDE'S ABOUT TO GET WORSE!

AMAZO'S FISTS ARE CREATING SHOCK-WAVES AT LEAST TEN TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN BLACK CANARY'S SONIC WHISTLE! NOT EVEN THE ~~ADDING~~ BACK THERE WILL CUSHION YOU FROM IT!

S-SO-- I SEE-- I MEAN, I FEEL!



BUT, SUPERMAN-- IF THAT RADIATION NEGATES YOUR POWERS, HOW CAN AMAZO BE USING THE SAME POWERS?

SIMPLE-- HE ISN'T! HIS SUPER-ABILITIES ARE DERIVED FROM A FORMER JUSTICE LEAGUER--

--THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER!



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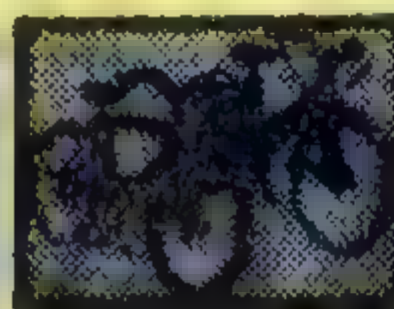
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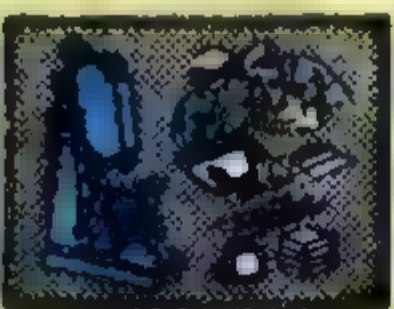
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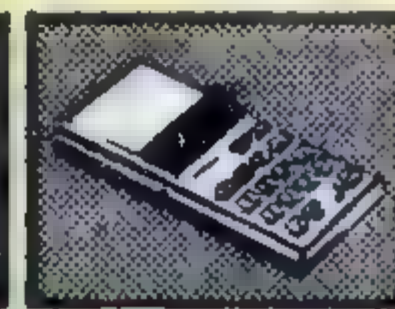
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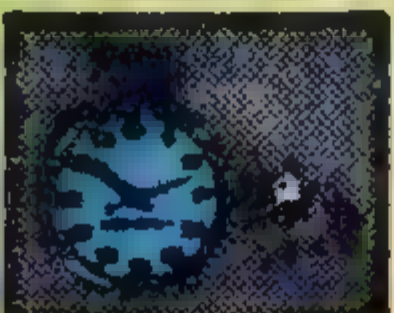
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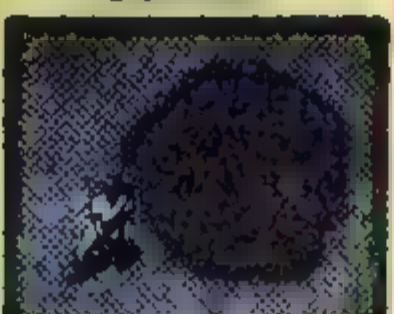
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WRIST WATCHES



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TENNIS SET



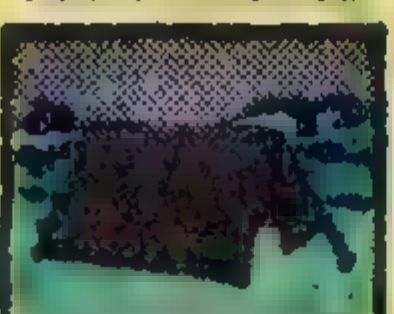
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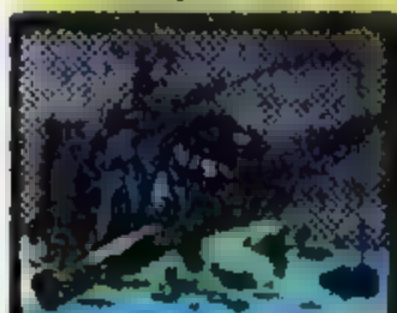
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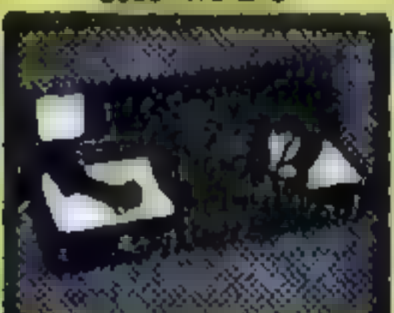
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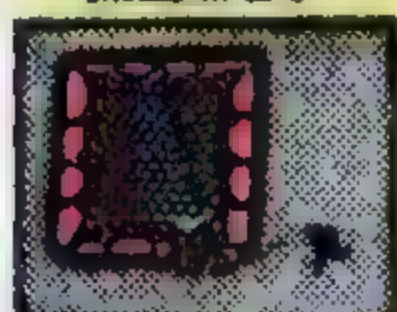
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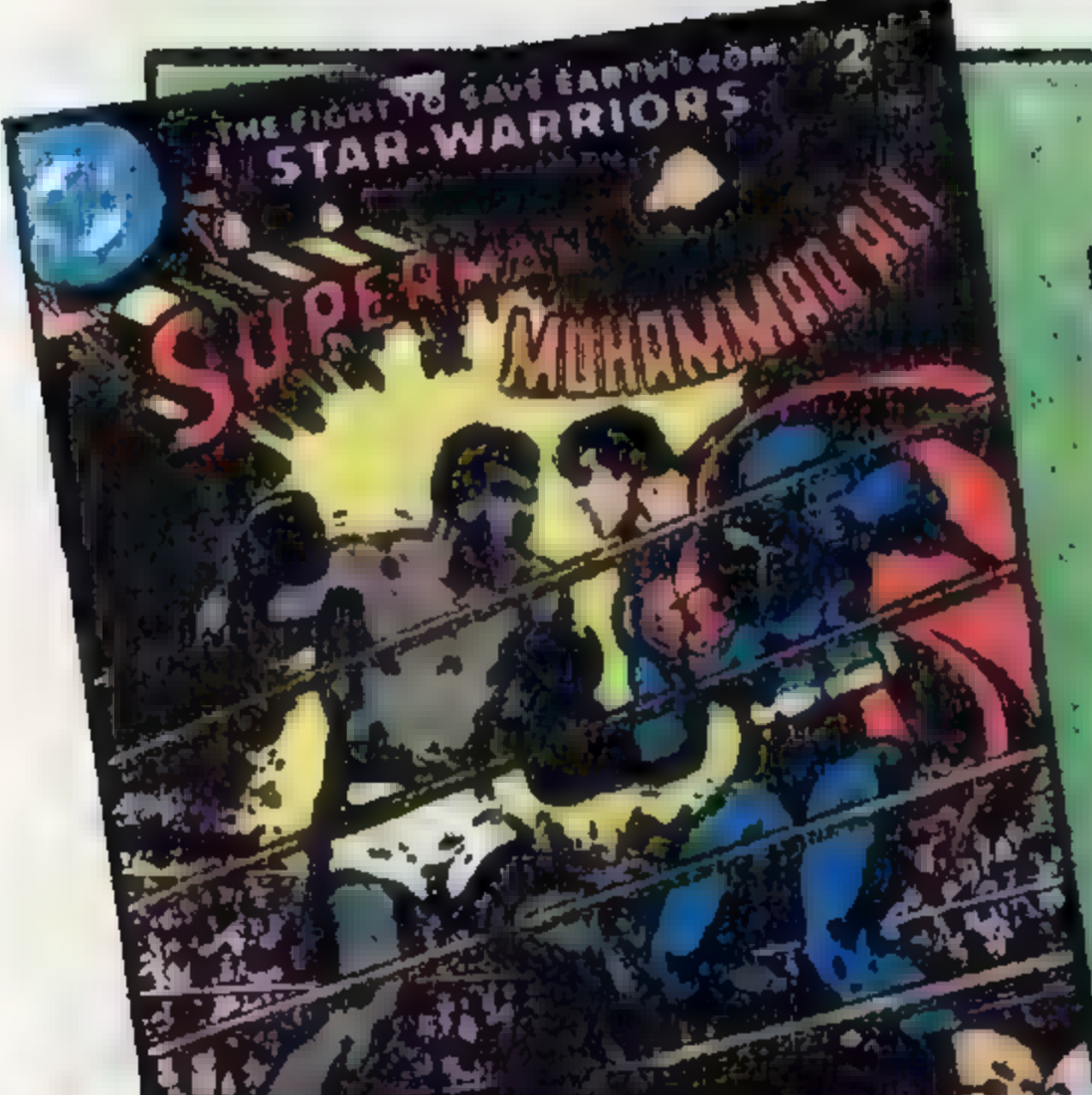
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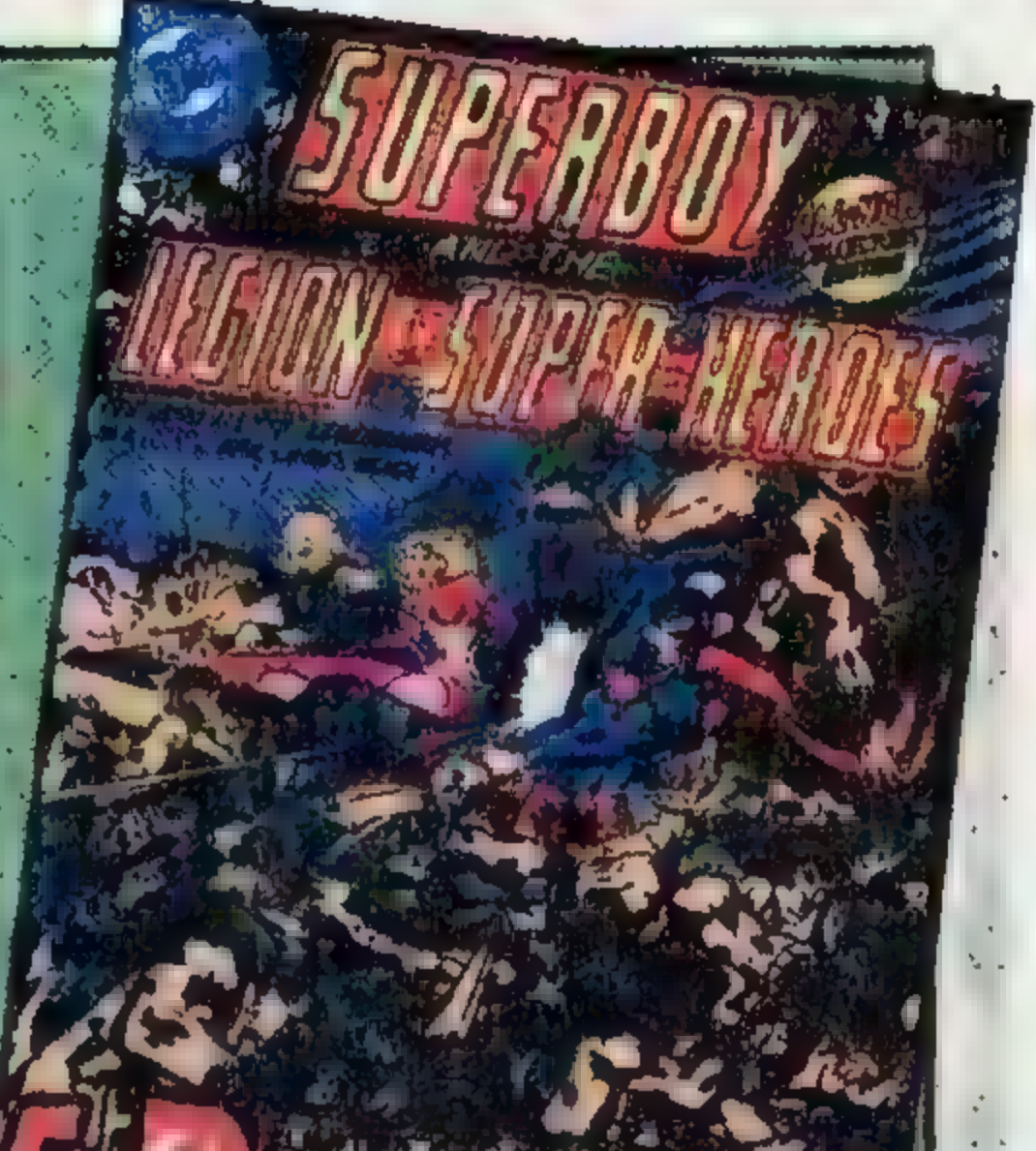
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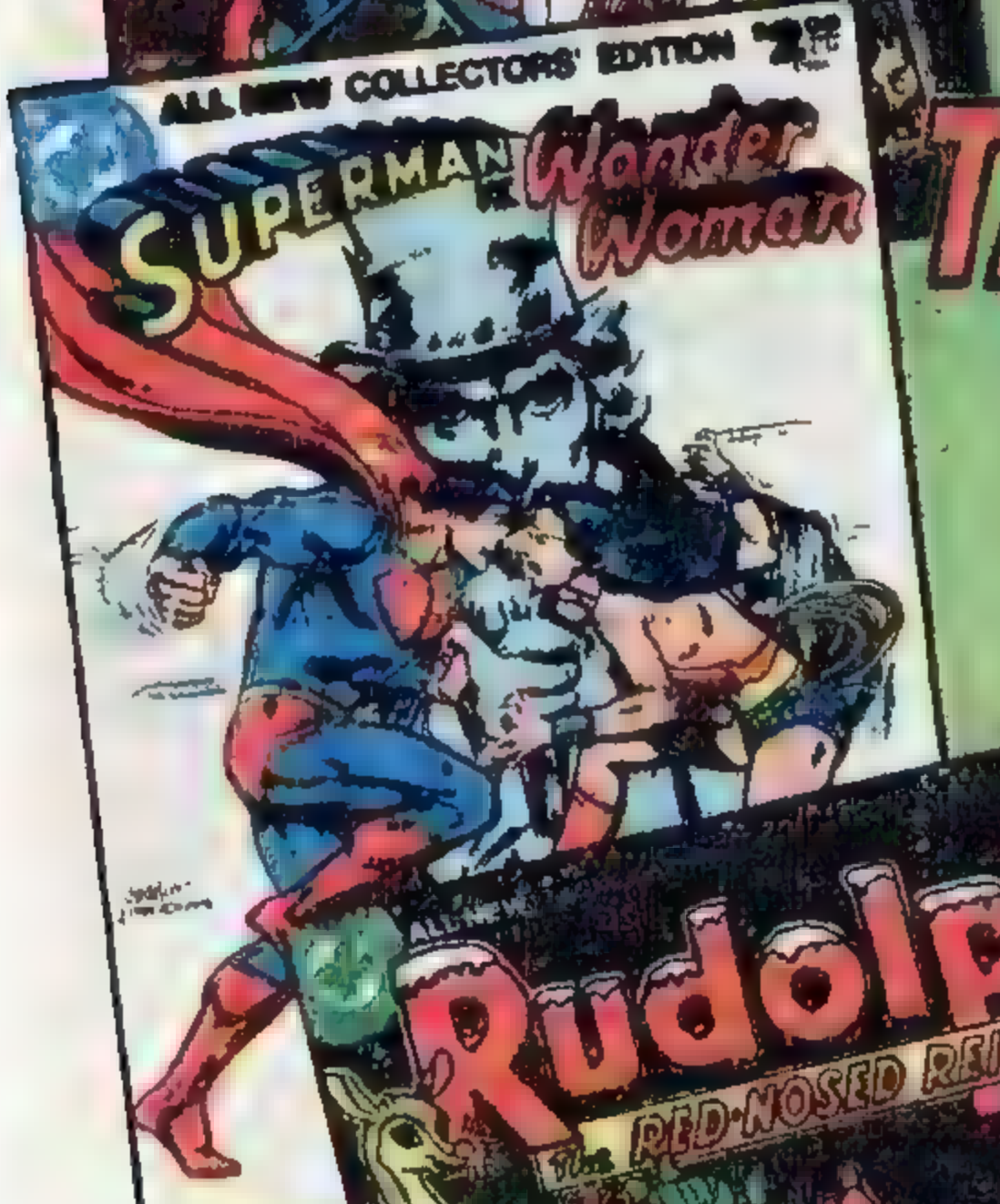
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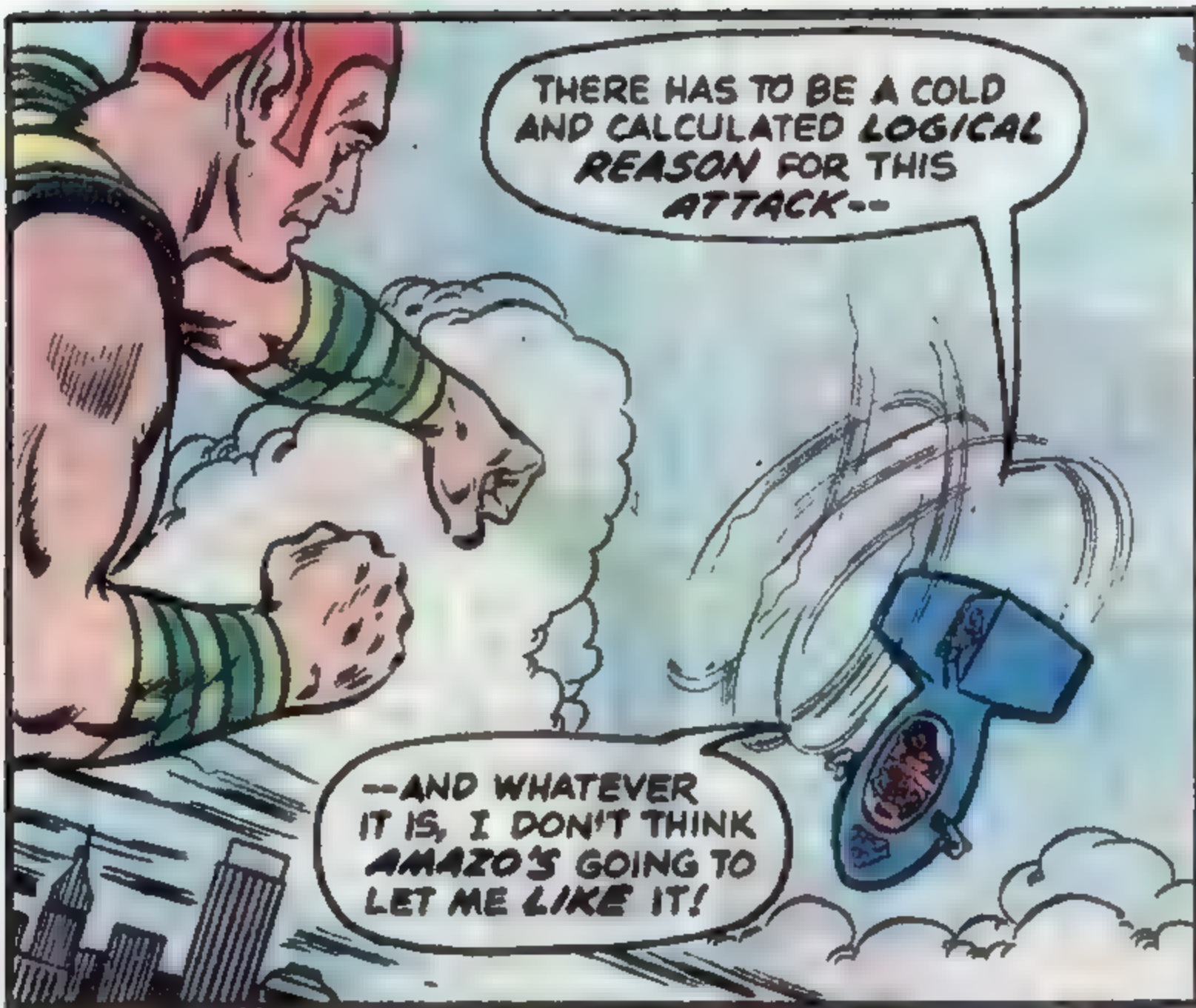
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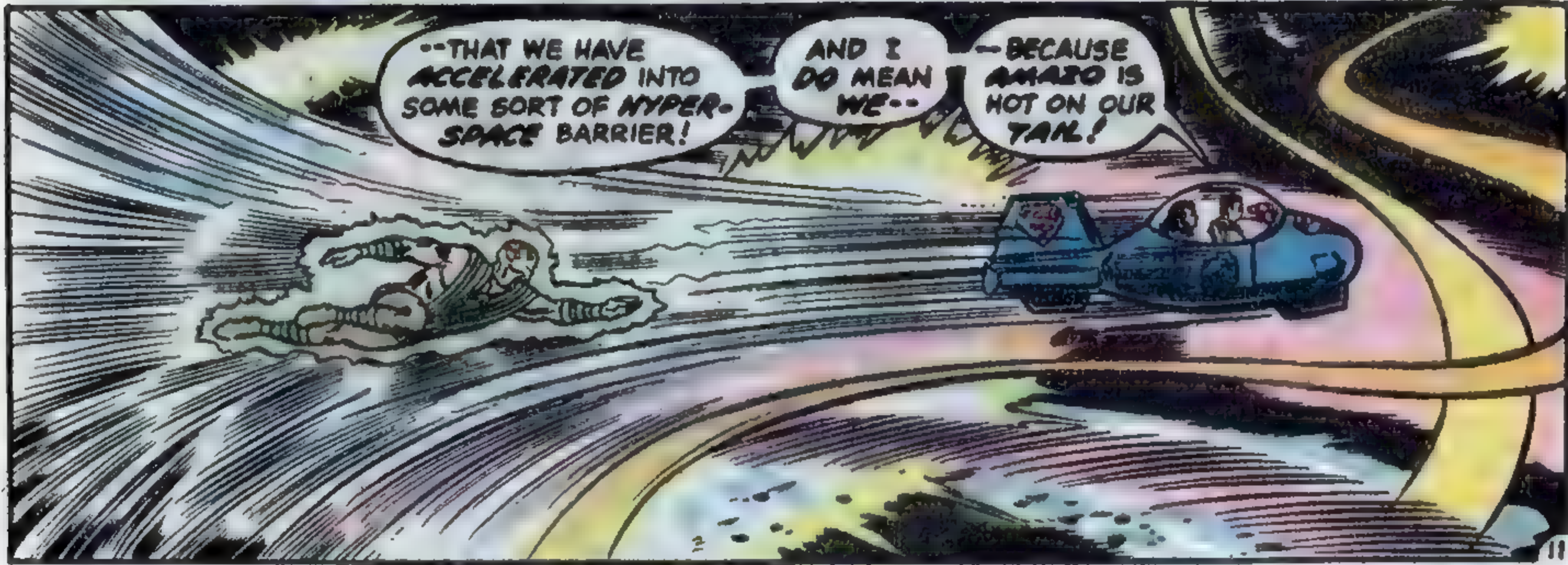
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GREAT KRYPTON!

AMAZO'S DROP-KICK HAS SENT US OUT OF THIS WORLD--

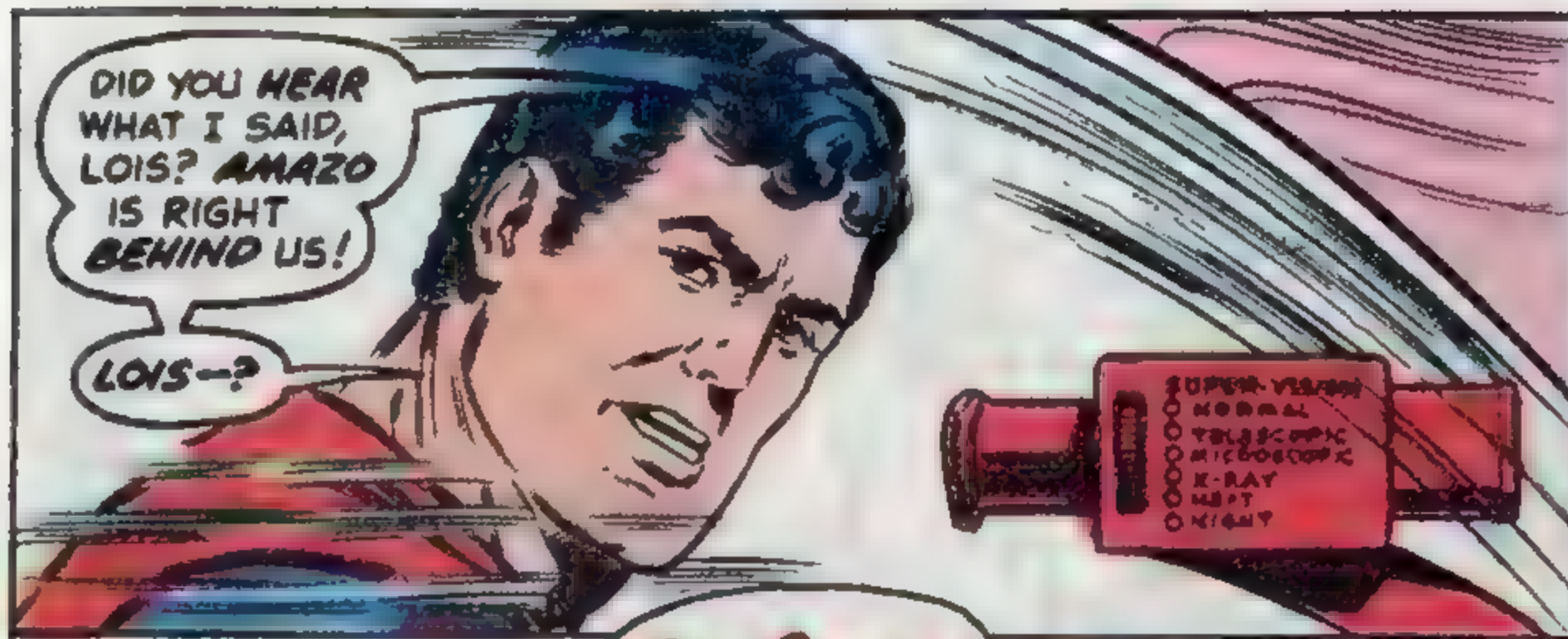
--HURTLING AT SUCH SUPER-VELOCITY--



--THAT WE HAVE ACCELERATED INTO SOME SORT OF HYPER-SPACE BARRIER!

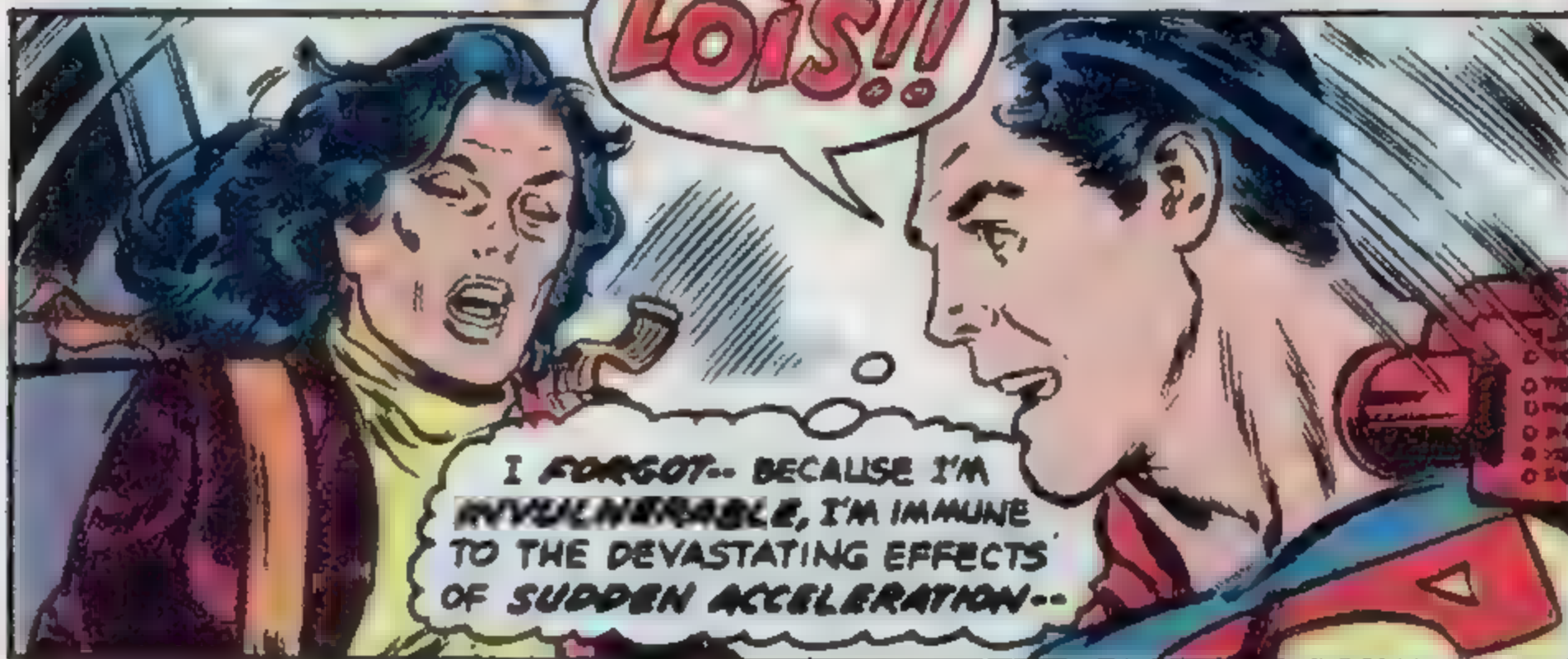
AND I DO MEAN WE--

--BECAUSE AMAZO IS HOT ON OUR TAIL!



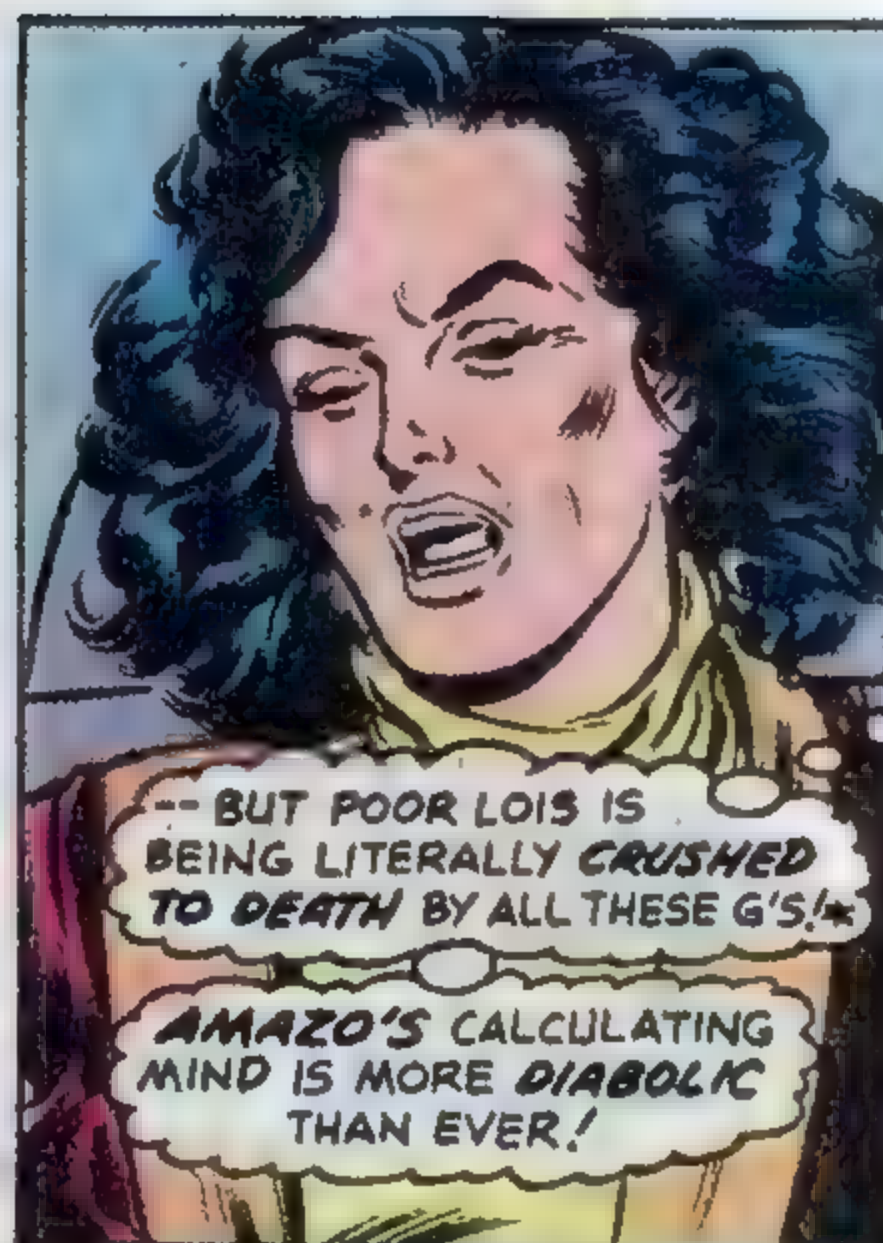
DID YOU HEAR WHAT I SAID, LOIS? AMAZO IS RIGHT BEHIND US!

LOIS--?



Lois!!

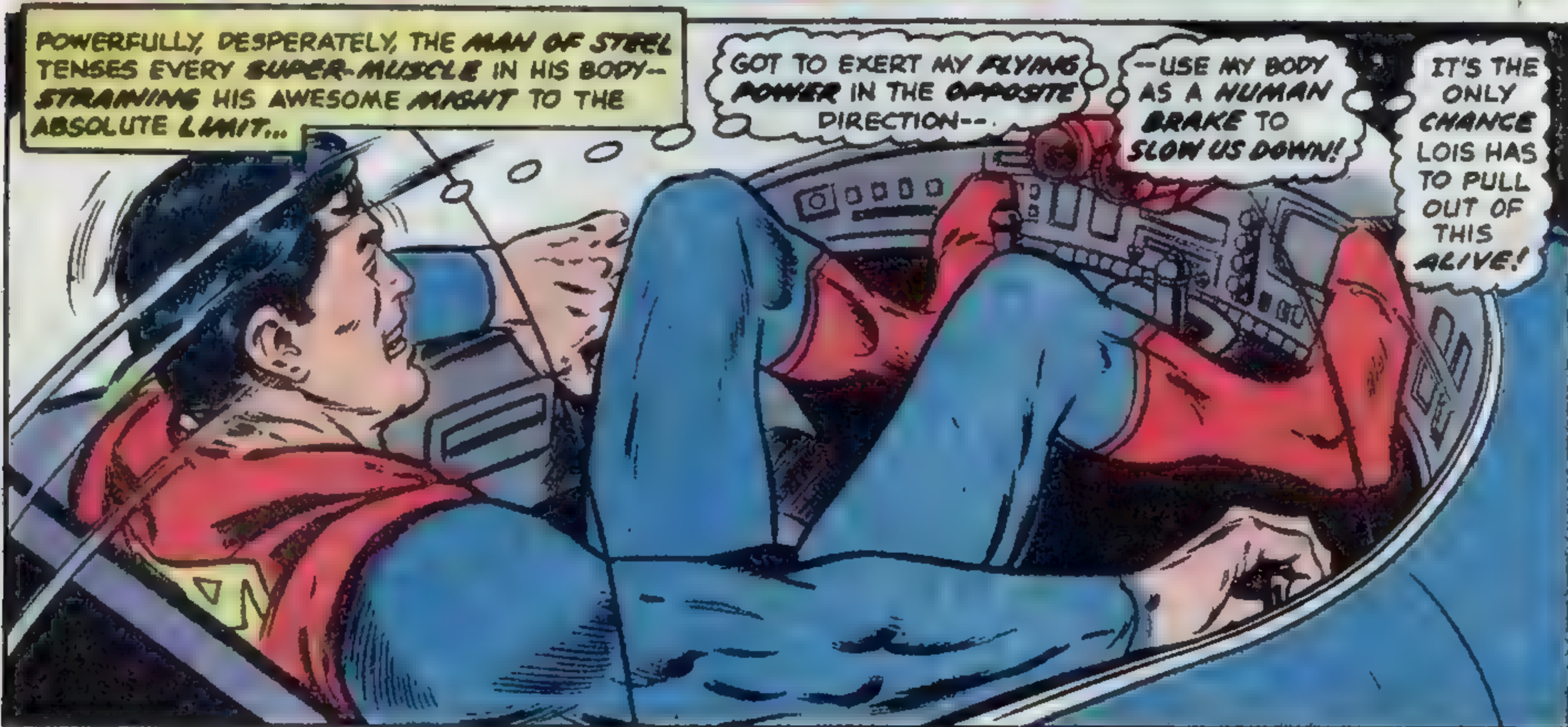
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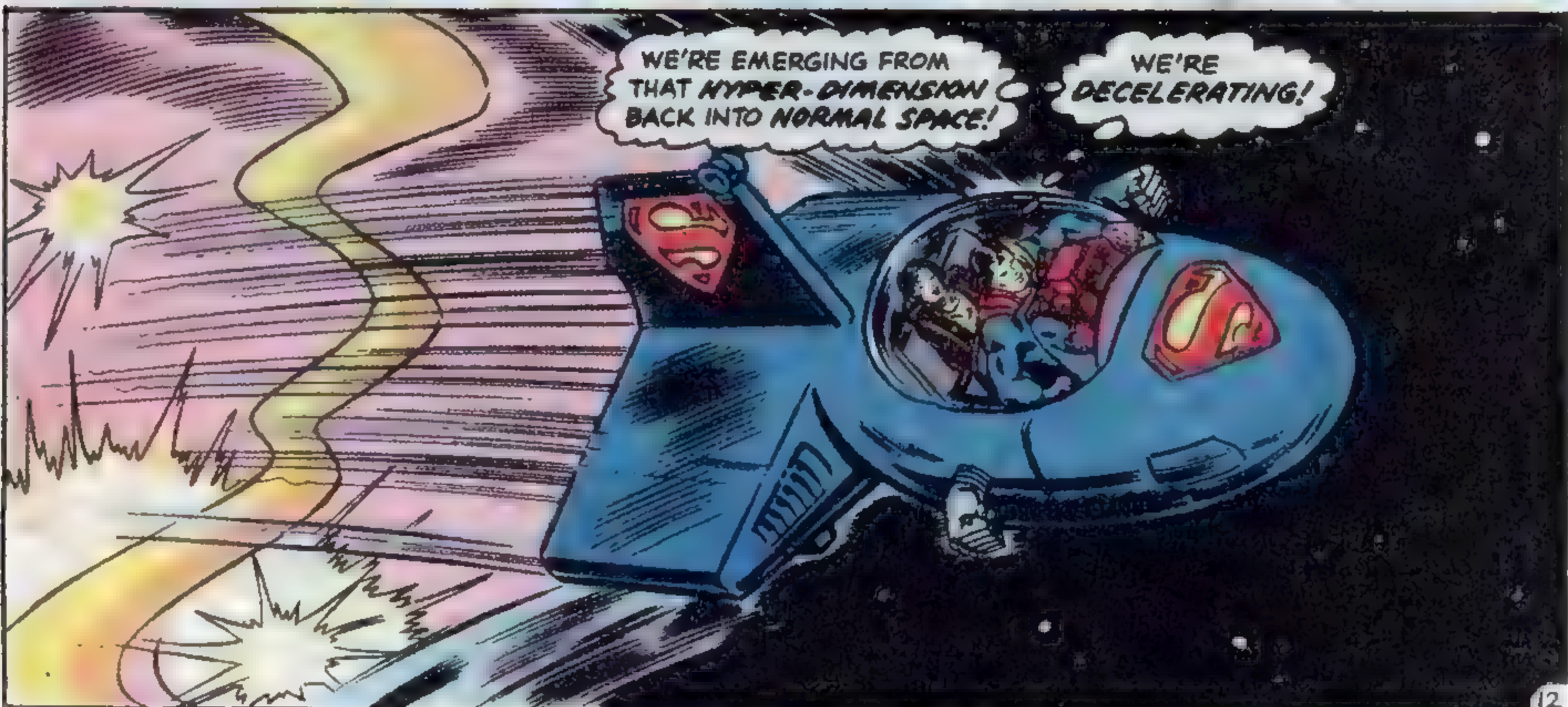


POWERFULLY, DESPERATELY, THE MAN OF STEEL TENSES EVERY SUPER-MUSCLE IN HIS BODY-- STRAINING HIS AWESOME MIGHT TO THE ABSOLUTE LIMIT...

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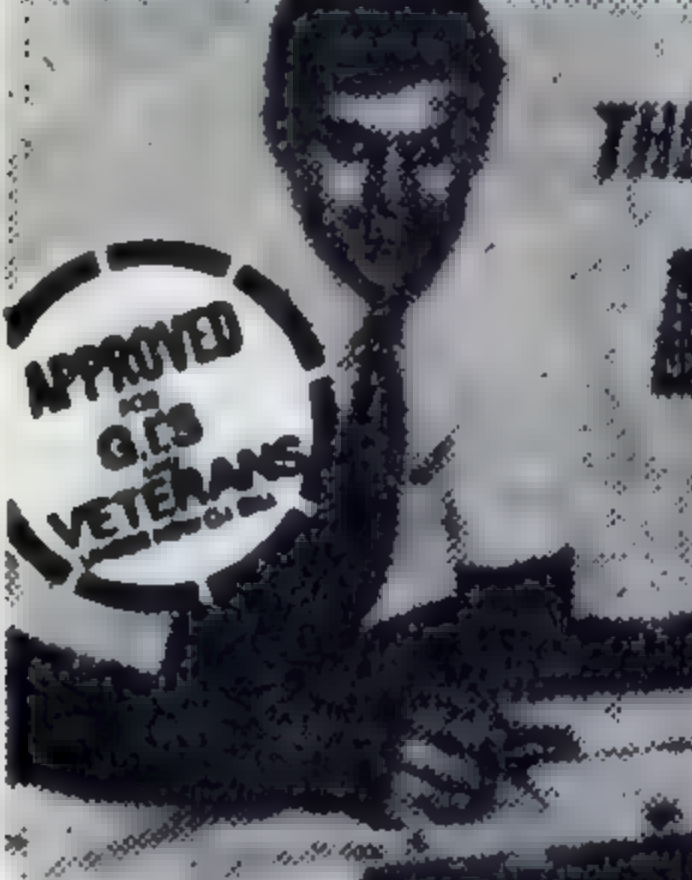
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GLAD TO SEE A FEW
WEIRD PLANTS!

THIS UNDISCOVERED ASTEROID--
EVEN LARGER THAN CERES-- HAS
ITS OWN ATMOSPHERE WITH BARELY
ENOUGH BREATHABLE OXYGEN!

A PERFECT SPOT FOR A REST-
STOP TO SEE WHAT KIND OF
SHAPE LOIS IS IN!

LOIS...

...CAN
YOU HEAR
ME?

LOIS...
DARLING...



HOW DO YOU FEEL?

LIKE I SPENT THE NIGHT SANDWICHED BETWEEN A PAIR OF TWO-TON MATTRESSES--

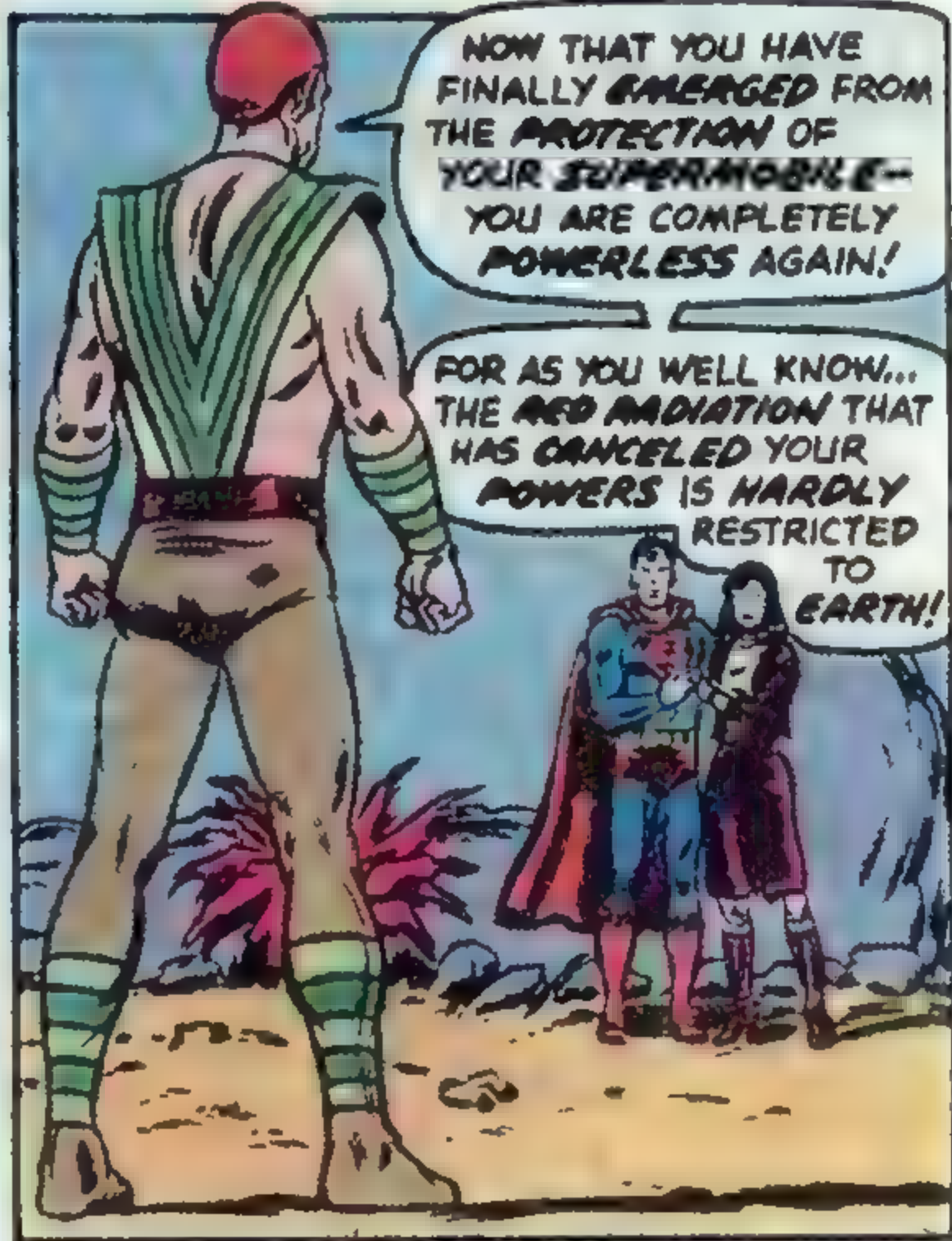
--BUT I THINK I'LL LIVE!

NOT NECESSARILY, MISS LANE!



AMAZO! I FIGURED YOU WOULDN'T BE FAR BEHIND!

I DID SOME FIGURING OF MY OWN, SUPERMAN-- AND I QUICKLY REALIZED YOU PLACED THIS FEMALE'S SAFETY FAR ABOVE YOUR OWN!



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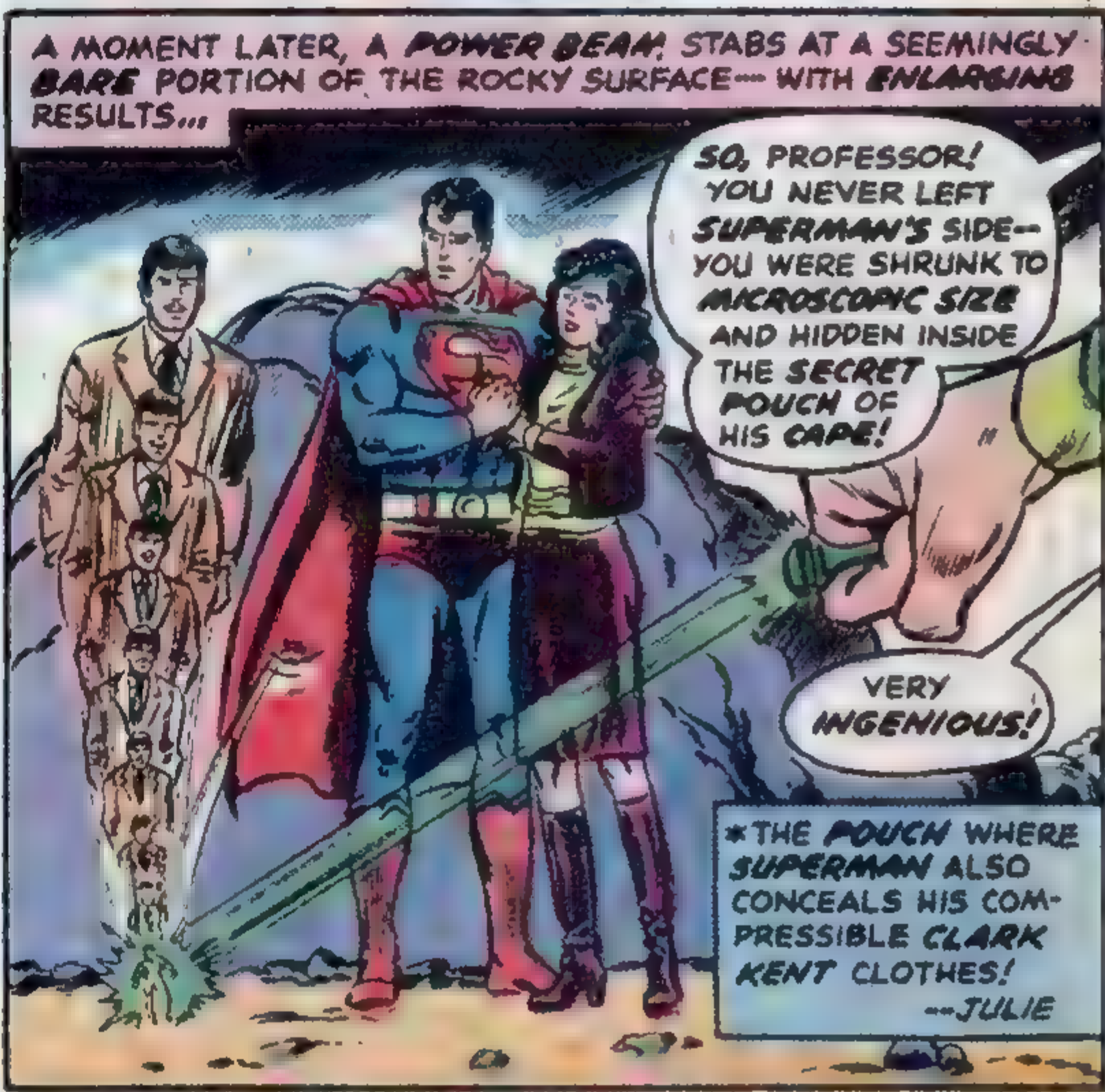
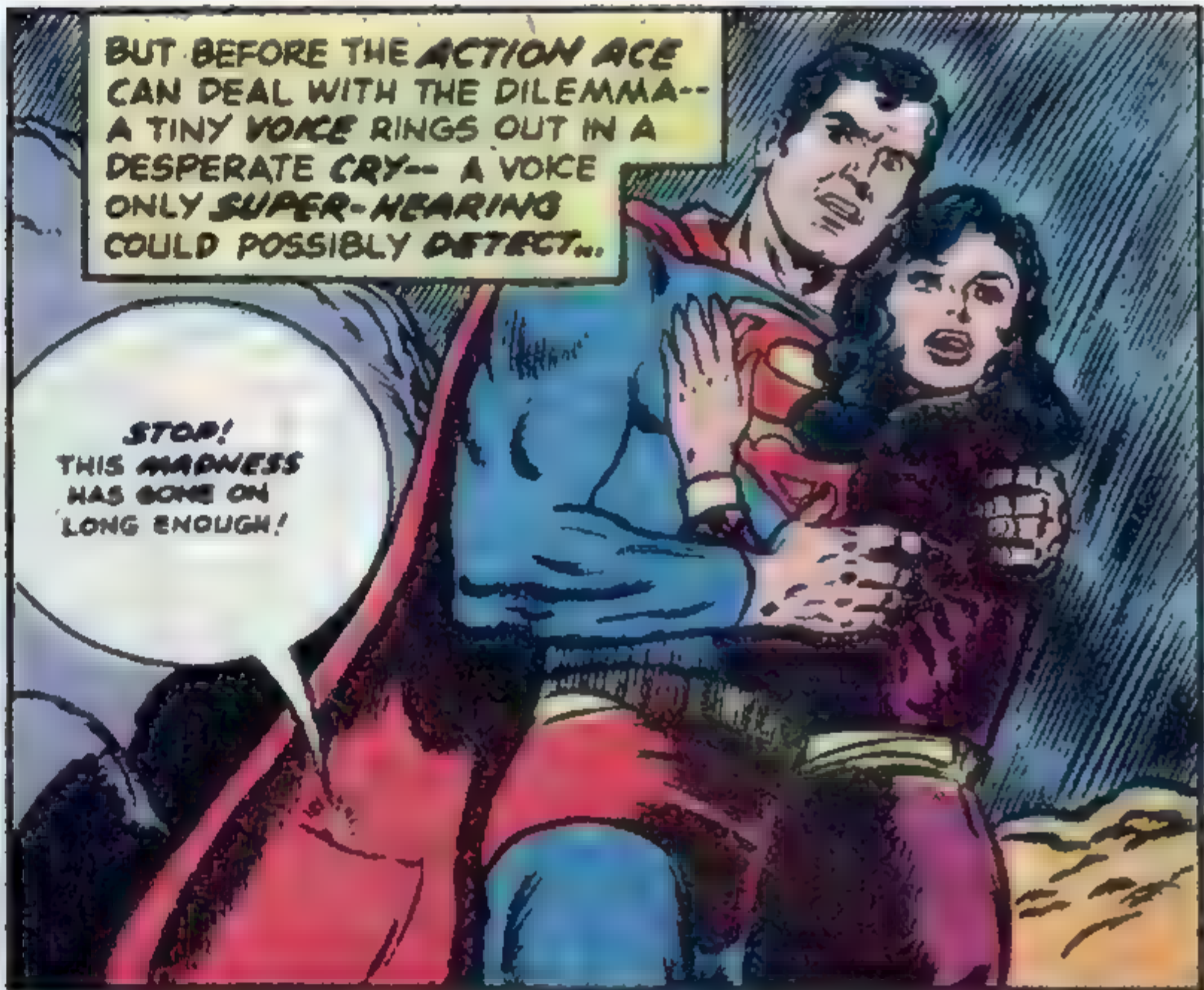
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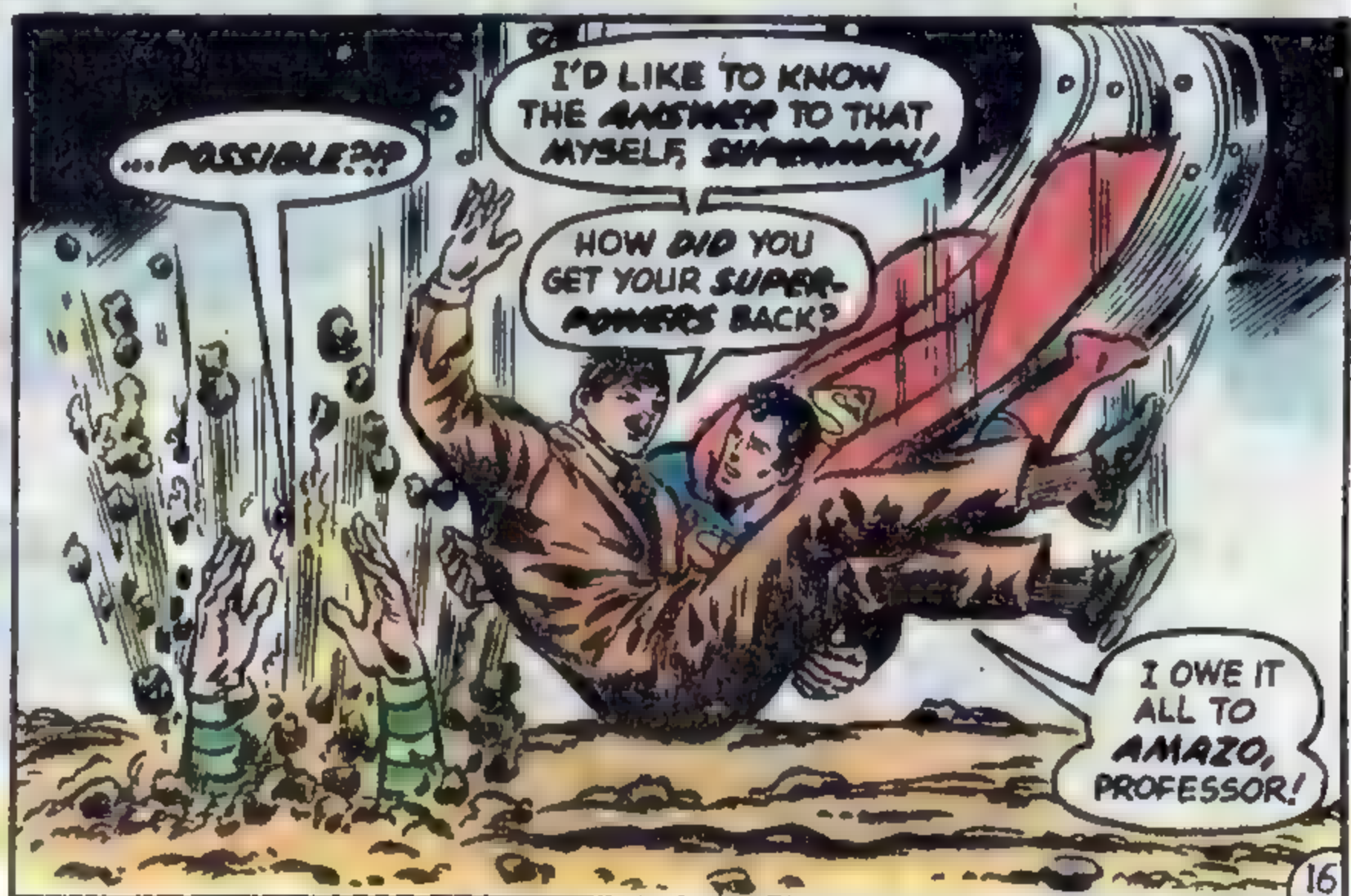
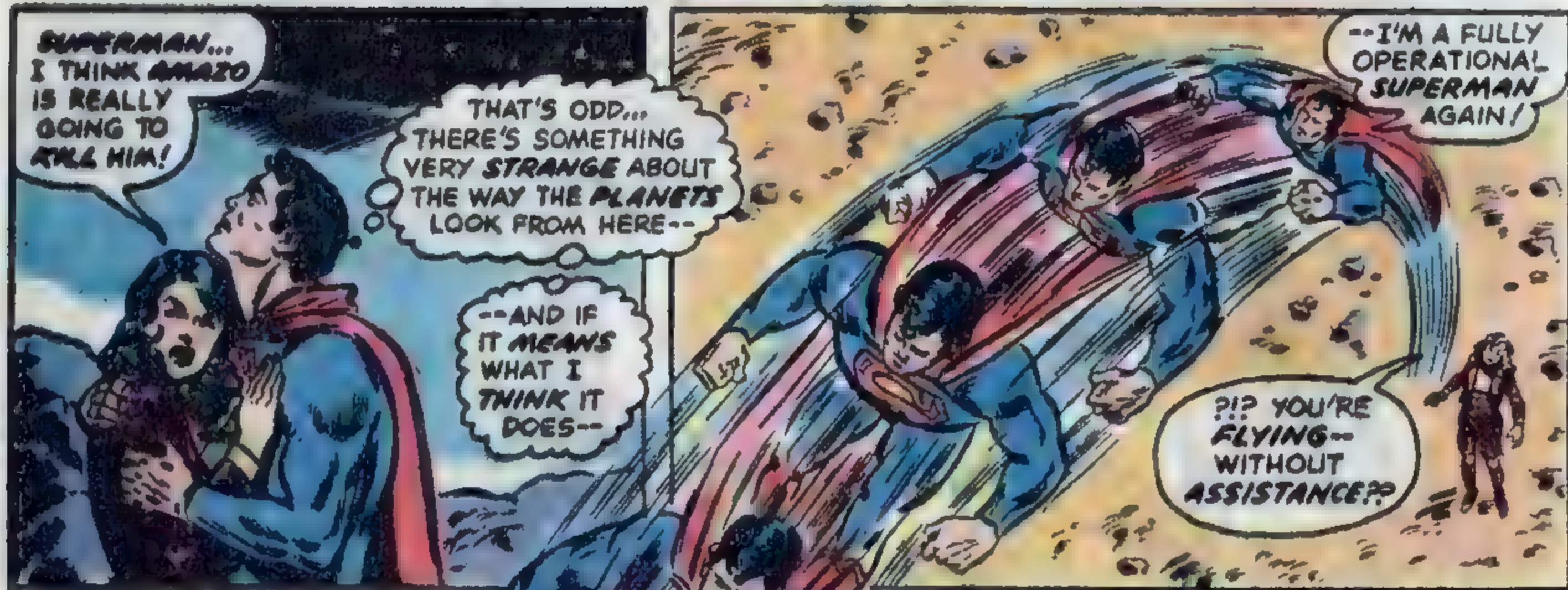


SUPERMAN... IS THAT TRUE?

I'M AFRAID SO, LOIS! THOSE RED RAYS HAVE BEEN FANNING OUT ACROSS THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM!

WITHOUT THE SUPERMOBILE, I'M JUST AS POWERLESS HERE AS I WAS ON EARTH!

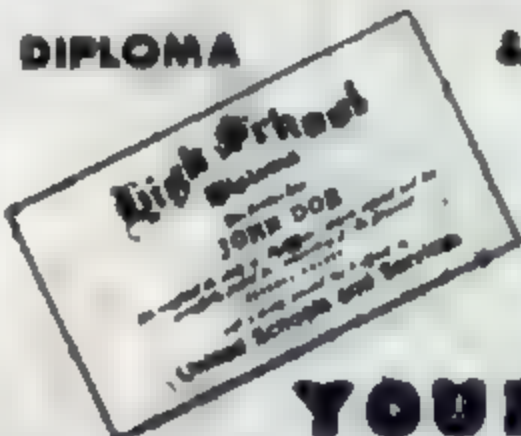




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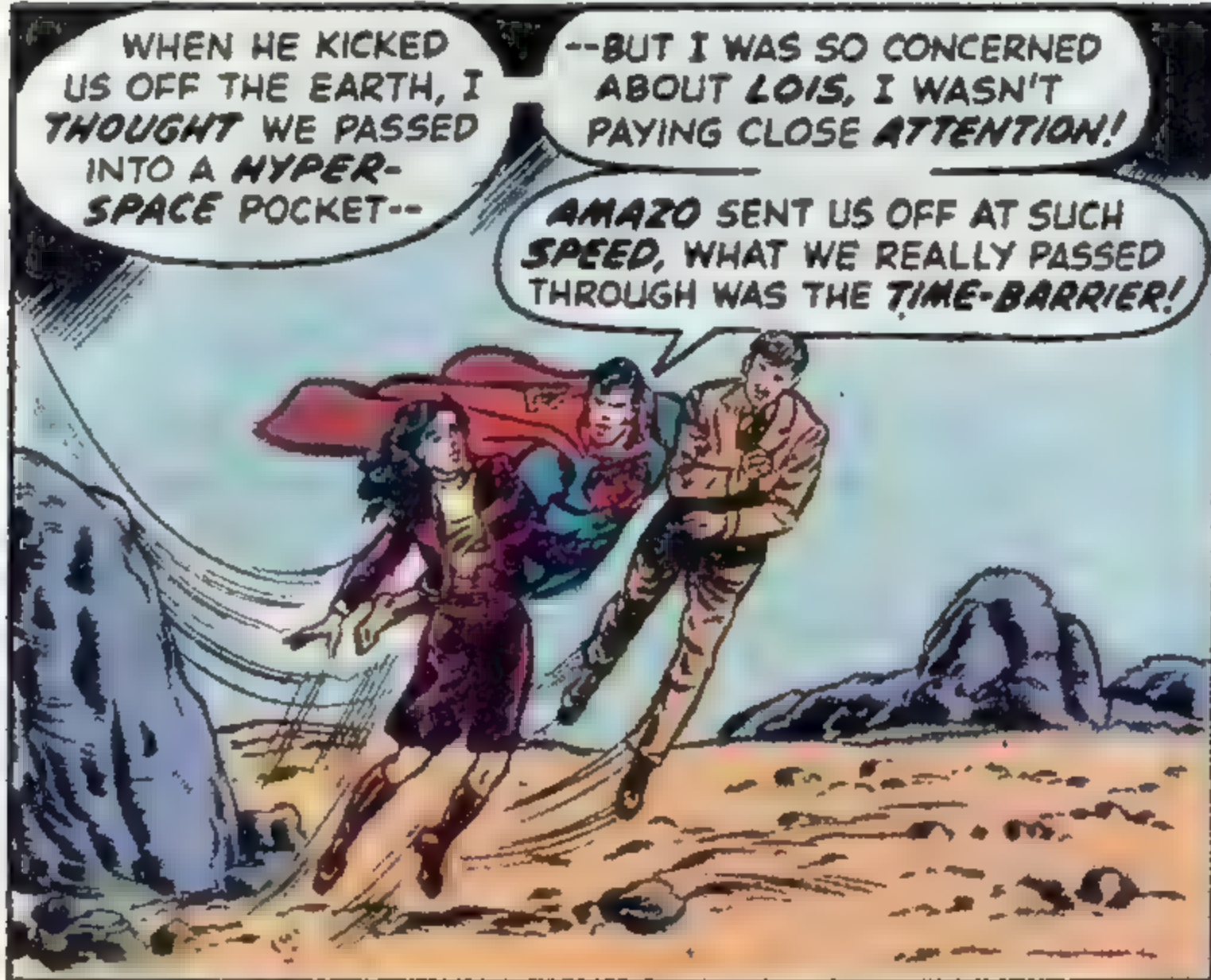
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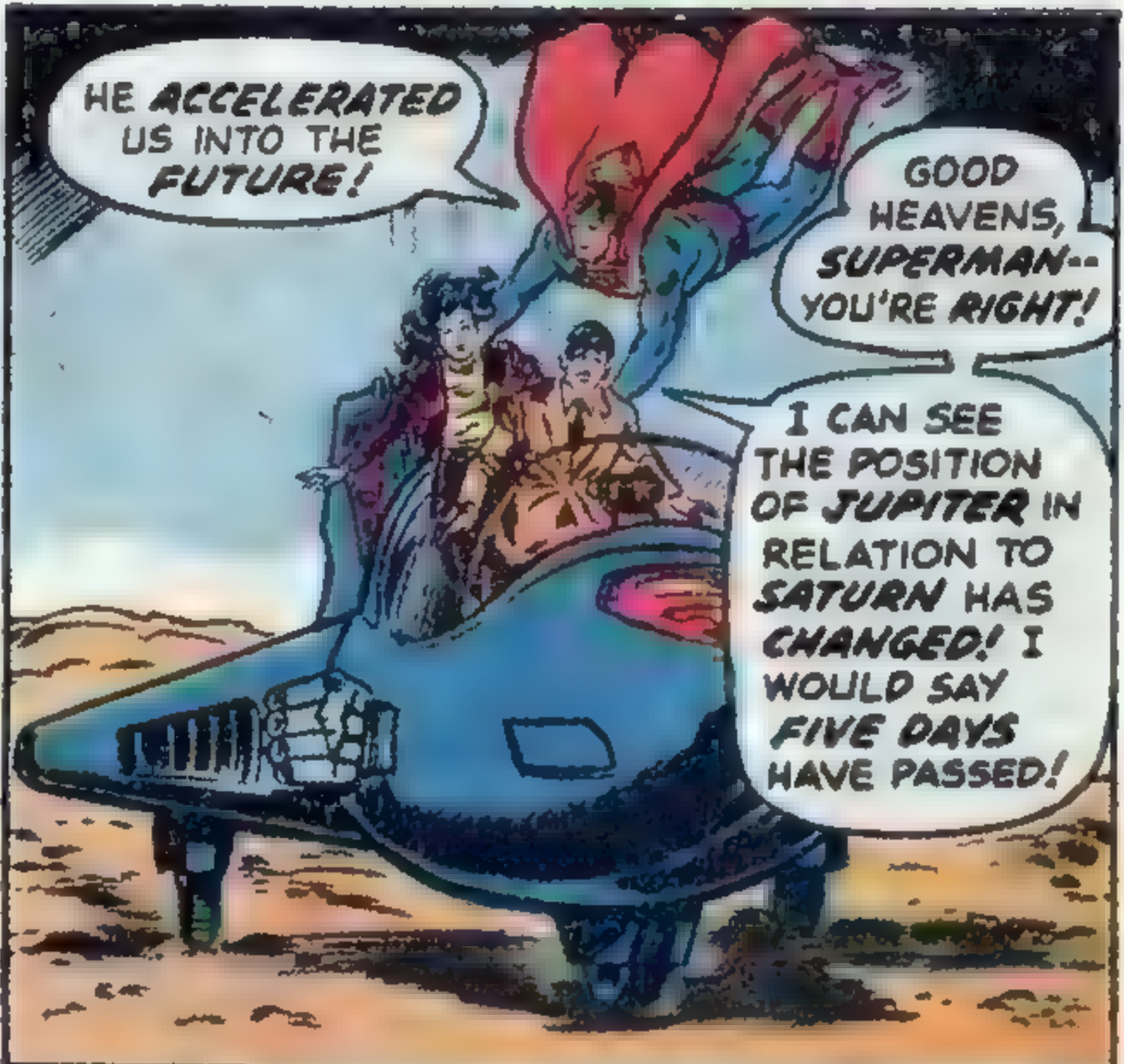
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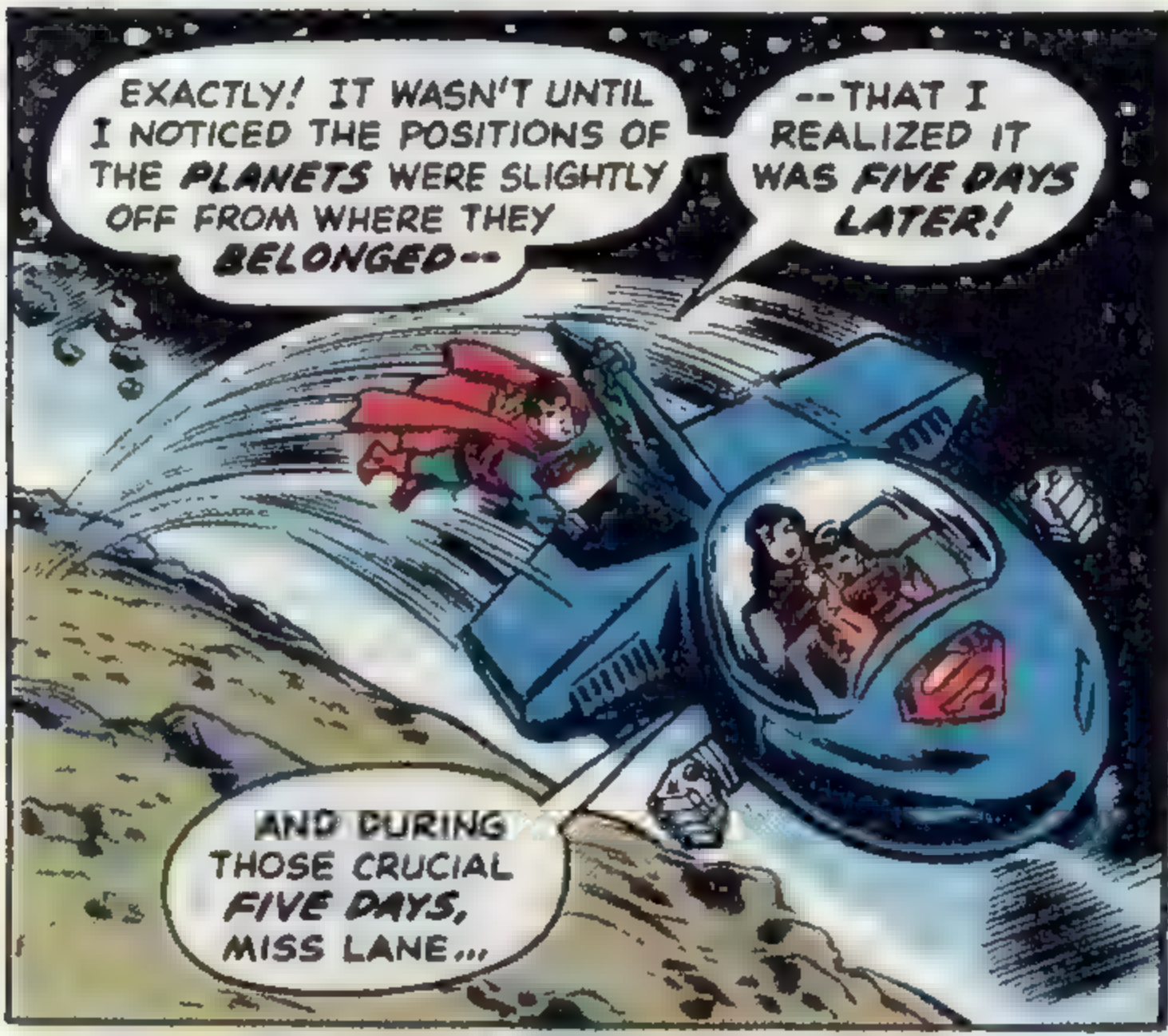
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Dear Editor:

Gerry Conway, with ACTION #478, "Earth's Last Day," has proven himself one of the best Superman biographers around. Combining an exciting and imaginative premise, told in a fast-paced and concise manner, with excitingly scripted dialogue, he ended up with a quality story.

The Lunarians and the revelation of the true Earth-Moon relationship were definitely novel ideas. The story, unfortunately, got a little out of hand when Or-mong mutated into a Super-Lunarian. Why is it every time Superman battles a foe, he ends up confronting some sort of super-antagonist? The advanced Lunarian science, if it had been developed further, would have been sufficient to keep Superman busy without having to resort to a super-adversary.

I will admit, though, I was pleased to see a reasonable explanation given for the sole attempt to save Earth being made by Superman. It always seemed slightly ludicrous to see a hero tackle alone some of the literally Earth-shattering conflicts they've been faced with. If the situation were as grave as they've been portrayed, it would appear highly improbable for just one hero to be caught up in them. Thank goodness there is the Justice League to balance this out to some degree. But Gerry came up with a plausible excuse for Superman having to battle the Lunarians alone in such a life-or-death situation as Earth's Last Day.

The best part of the story, though, was the effect of the imminent doomsday on the people of Earth. As in any crisis, the futility of the situation stripped away the masks people assume in day-to-day living. The real person will emerge only when he realizes there is no more purpose in continuing the charade. The almost grudgingly admitted mutual respect of Jimmy and Perry and icy-hearted Morgan Edge's tears for mankind were very moving illustrations of the bonds that tie all men together through their humanity. Being the soft-hearted romanticist that I am, getting teary at sad movies and when they play the National Anthem, I think I would have cried along with Morgan if I hadn't known Superman would find some way to save the world. But I almost wish I hadn't known. I would've enjoyed a good cry.

Jan Warren,
9006 Catalina Ct.,
Indianapolis, Ind. 46234

Maybe we should have printed that issue on a different kind of paper—entonskin.—E.N.B.

Dear Editor:

Gerry Conway's two-parter in ACTION #477-478 did

not live up to my expectations. The most irritating aspect of the story was the Lunarians and their attempt to steal Earth. I'll buy an alien race draining the planet for its natural resources, but not when the race comes from our very own satellite. There have been far too many adventures by Earth-One heroes on the Moon for me to believe such a race could have gone undiscovered.

Trena, the Primor, struck me as a typical comic-book female. Beyond the fact that she was the leader of the Lunarian society, Trena was treated as a scheming, love-struck, scatter-brained idiot. By trying to throw in a little romantic intrigue, Gerry sure fouled up the personality of the alien leader.

I question Superman's ethics in his solution to the problem of the Lunarians. He had to stop them, but isn't forcing them out of the solar system a little drastic? If their story was true (which I assume it is), they had as much right as anyone to stay, provided they didn't try to repossess Earth again.

Well, that gets all my gripes about the story off my chest . . . except for the coloring. Why did Liz Berube tone the Lunarians' skin pink while Jerry Serpe gave the same skin a yellow hue? Too many cooks spoil the broth, etc., etc., etc.

Mike White,
207 W. East,
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Aren't you forgetting why the Lunarians wanted Earth? They had too big a population for the Moon to hold them. They needed a new, larger planet. And since such a big planet in Earth's orbit could cause disruptions on this world as well as the new one—from Earth's presence—and the Lunarians would hardly thrive either closer to or farther from the sun—another system was the only answer.—E.N.B.

Dear Jules Verne—oops, I mean Julie Schwartz:

"Earth's Last Day" was excellent. It was well-characterized, well thought-out, full of the awe and sense of wonder that characterizes both the best comics and the best science-fiction. Even the fact that Superman is once again moving planets with his own strength did not mar the issue for me. The opening monologue by Edge gave a decent, logical synopsis, while also shedding light on Edge's personality and reflecting the growing horror of the End of the World. Jimmy Olsen and Perry White, in their brief one-page appearance, expressed their deep friendship and despair in as neat a fashion as I've ever seen. For once they were not buffoons or caricatures, but real personalities. And the female Lunarian's flighty, callous character made her a good substitute for a real super-villain—and enabled Gerry to end on a wistful note, as Superman returns home—yet wonders about what might have been.

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And considering what kind of person Trena was, you can bet Superman saw those might-have-beens every time he had a nightmare!—E. Nelson Bridwell



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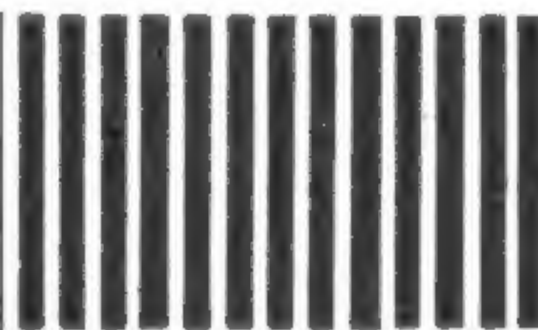
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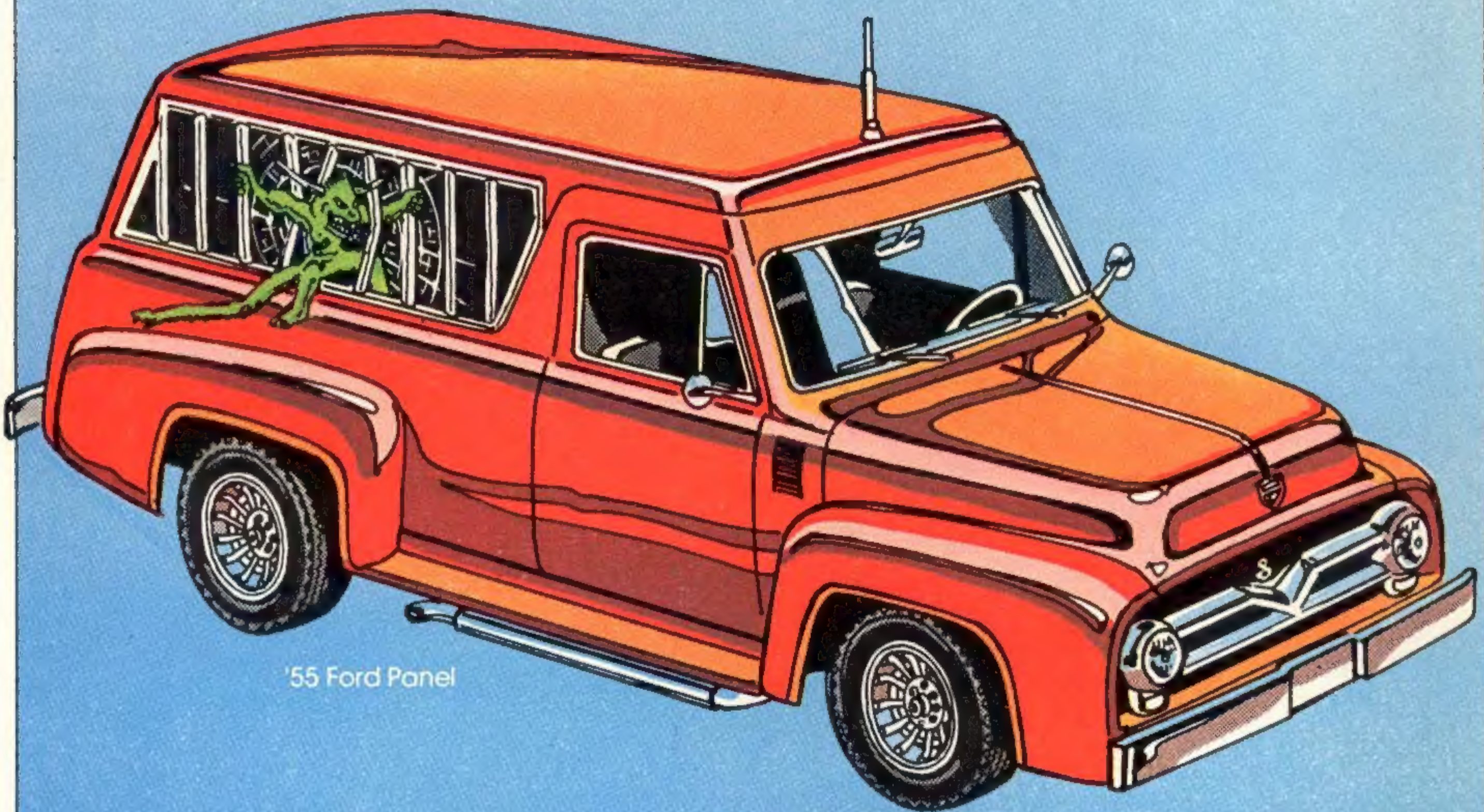
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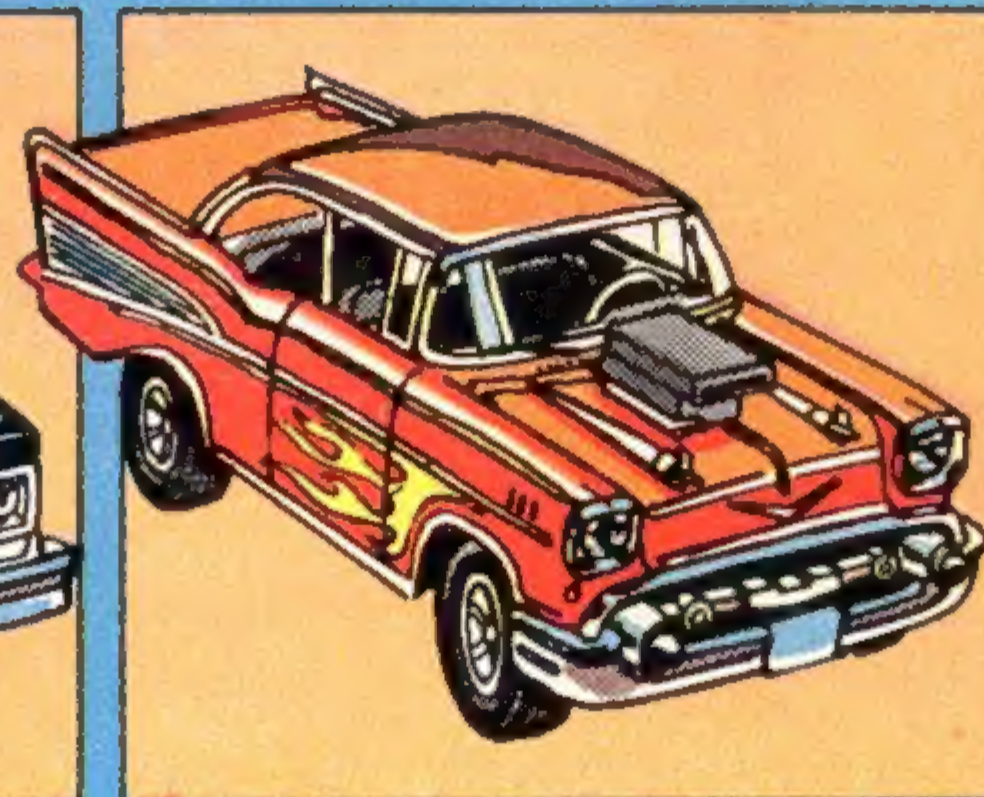
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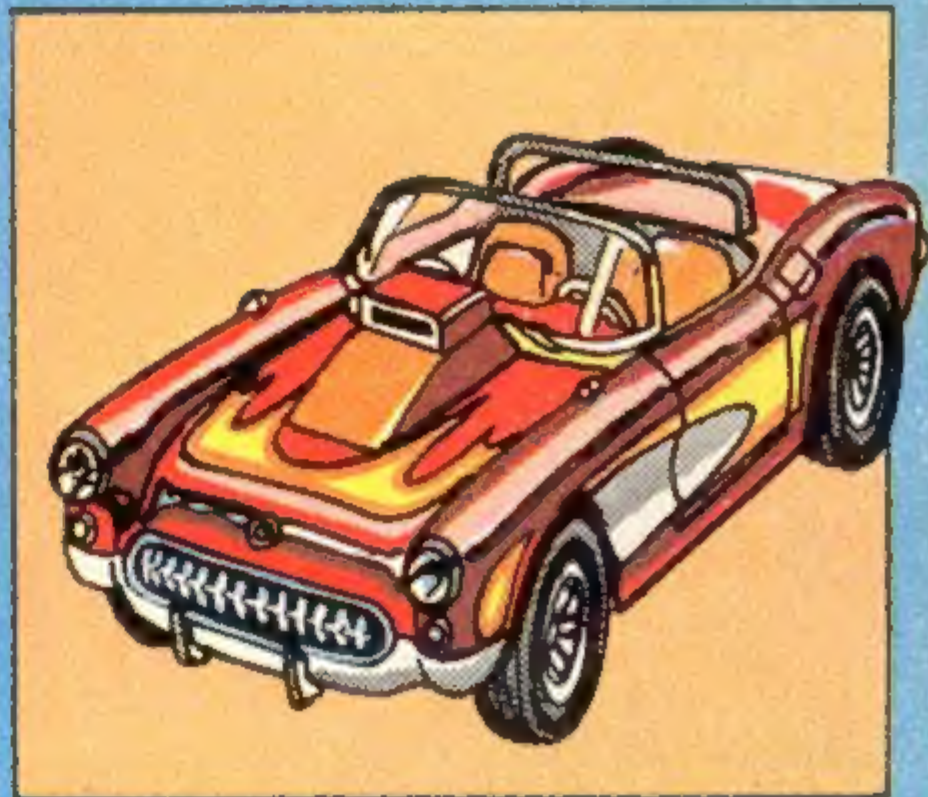
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